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OUTLINES.

More earthquake shocks were felt in Italy and Sicily yesterday, these completing the ruins of the crumbling buildings and contributing to the keeping up of the alarm of the poplation. According to official reports the relief work for the sufferers is beginning to work satisfactorily and large bodies of troops have arrived and are now occupying all parts of Messina——Atlantic Coast Line pier No. 1 at Baltimore, was burned yesterday together with 30,000 packages of imported merchandise, causing a total loss of about $200,000——Senator Tillman in his address before the State Teachers' Association at Columbia, S. C., gave warning against compulsory education, and urged the Democrats against President-elect Taft's scheme to break the Solid South——F. R. Swindell of Beaufort county, in this State, was killed by a wounded deer last Wednesday——A Norfolk livery stable man is arrested on charge of stealing brass from the Government navy yard ——The steamship Texas, Christiania for Havana, puts into Savannah river with fire raging in her cargo of paper and carbides——Sixteen persons are caught in the wreck of a cotton seed house at the mill at Aberdeen, Miss. ——Several delegations will visit Taft in the next day or two to invite him to visit Southern cities——There were 6,053 persons in attendance at the President's reception yesterday, the largest number on record——The President is considering what course he will recommend Congress to pursue in the matter of national aid to the sufferers by the earthquake in Italy——The Russian military court yesterday pronounced the death sentence on 41 prisoners and sentenced others to exile. These were men who participated in the strikers' riots of 1905——A British vessel reports an area of boiling water off the Georgia coast. Another reports a volcano in the North Atlantic——At Colonial Beach, Va., Charles Henry is killed in the same room and in exactly the same way as was John Vogt last April ——The Hart-Schreck fight has been called off——The Bishop of the diocese of South Carolina has appointed tomorrow week as the day for contributions in his churches for the earthquake sufferers.

It doesn't look like Taft is waiting for instructions from Roosevelt.

Here is one case where the virtuous press of the North cannot lecture that of the South—the Hains-Annis case.

When the Legislature tackles the bank deposit guarantee question it will be up against a serious proposition.

Of course everybody wants to know what the Republicans of the Ohio Legislature will do in caucus today about the Senatorship.

What shall we do with our ex-presidents? has been settled. We will feed them to the wild beasts of the African jungles.

Now watch for newspapers outside of the State to comment on the cases of "drunks" up in the mayor's courts in this State.

Castro does not get much satisfaction out of the news from Venezuela. His trip to Europe did not pan out as well as he might have supposed.

Gomez had better be careful how he allows revolutionists to return to Venezuela, else he may find that he has opened the doors to another revolution.

Christmas is over; New Year's is past and good resolutions now are in and his Satanic Majesty is laying in a good supply of street improvement material.

The town was dry yesterday so far as sale of liquor was concerned. We don't believe the police ran up against a single blind tiger during the whole day or night.

If there ever was a time when the press of the country had an opportunity of showing that it was opposed to publication of matter too vile for general reading it has come with the trial of Major Hains.

The Star hopes every citizen of the town will aid the mayor and his police force in enforcing the law against the sale of liquors. Every person should help uphold the mayor's hands in this matter.

Roosevelt says he has had a splendid time since he has been President in corralling specimens for his Ananias club, but that it is nothing to the time he expects to have in Africa catching wild animals at the expense of the Government.

During the last ten days or more Santa Claus has occupied a more prominent position before the public than has Roosevelt, and still the latter has not written a letter to a friend declaring him to be an undesirable citizen. What's the matter with Roosevelt?

UNDER PROHIBITION

The Novel Experien[illegible]mmented-ed Upon Very Gene[illegible] on Streets Yesterday

Library of Congress

QUIET DAY WITH POLI[illegible]

Not an Arrest Until Nearly 10 O'clock Last Night—Crepe on Bar Room Doors—Comparisons Already in Order.

"Watching prohibition" was a favorite diversion on the streets yesterday and many were the jokes cracked at the expense of the closed saloons. It was Wilmington's first experience with anything like a near approach to prohibition and the novelty of the situation appealed to everybody. People walked up and down the streets just to see "how it looked" and the man the least bit tipsy was at once the cynosure of all eyes.

While the conditions were not altogether favorable to a correct estimate of the situation, many other places of business being closed for the holiday, it is safe to say that not before in a long time has there been a more quiet day in Wilmington. There was no drunkenness and disorder and the police had not made an arrest until early last night. The first victim, sad to relate, was a young white man from the northern part of the city picked up by Officer Joe Lane. Being a minor, he was closely questioned as to the source of his supply but declined to say from whom the liquor was secured further than that it was purchased yesterday. The father of the young man came down to the station soon after the arrest and will thoroughly investigate the case with the police.

With the beginning of the year, a new record book of arrests has been provided at the police station and this remained as clean as the hour it came from the bindery during the day. It will be eagerly sought for comparisons with 1908 as the months roll by and people will be figuring just how prohibition works. At the New Year session of the police court Mayor Springer had nine cases against only five on January 1st, 1908. He remarked to several of the old topers arraigned before him yesterday that he hoped it would be hard for them to get the wherewithal to come before him again, being lenient in several cases where the New Year resolution seemed to be sincere. Yesterday there were only two arrests up to 10 o'clock last night and one of these was merely on suspicion, the other for drunkenness as stated. On the first day of last January there were nine arrests, but strange to say not a one of them was for drunkenness, though two were for disorderly conduct. Four were for cruelty to animals, two for larceny and one for shooting in the street. The record thus far shows nothing as to the operation of prohibition but the figures later will begin to tell the tale from the police court record.

The saloon men joined all the others in the merry-making at the expense of the "booze" mills yesterday and everything passed off in good humor. Some practical joker after the closing hour at 12 o'clock Thursday night went around to nearlyy all the down-town saloons and hung crepe on the door yesterday morning. The grim joke remained at the expense of the former tenants of the places until they came down during the morning to clean up odds and ends or prepare for opening other business at the same stands.

The situation is being closely watched with great interest and the city officials seem fully alive to the new and large responsibilities upon their shoulders. Both the county and city are on record as opposed to licensing drug stores or near-beer establishments which have blossomed out in other prohibition towns. The Mayor several weeks ago had Chief of Police Williams to quietly buy samples of all the new bottled drinks such as "beerine," "lagerine," "Schlitz Fizz," "Cuban Ale" and other concoctions that will be put up and offered for sale as 'substitutes" at soda fountains and other places and the samples were sent to the State Chemist for analysis. Not one of the bottles contained as much as 2 per cent. alcohol and a majority of it analyzed less than one per cent. In fact, one sample showed 1.4 per cent. alcohol and the others less than one per cent. the lowest being fourtenths of one per cent. The officers, however, realize that the danger is not in the sale of such products but in the sale of stronger fluids under the same name, which will be carefully looked after. The question was raised yesterday as to the legality of a druggist's filling a prescription from a regular practicing physician for liquor, some druggists contending that they have a perfect right to do so. The Mayor stated last night that such was not the case and any sales by prescrption or otherwise, unless the drug stores are licensed and none of them have been, will be vigorously prosecuted until the courts hold that his position is wrong.

Thus far no blind tiger has essayed to go forth from his lair and the reports of passing menageries are entirely within the vivid imaginations of those who too well supplied their wants and partook of same bofere the going-out on Thursday midnight.

NEW COURT OF FORESTERS

Thriving Branch of Order Instituted by State Deputy Bachrach at Whiteville Thursday Night. Starts in Fine Shape.

State Deputy M. Bachrach, of the Independent Order of Foresters, accompanied by a full degree team from Court Cape Fear No. 4906, of this city, returned an the early train yesterday morning from Whiteville, N. C., where they instituted Columbus Court with 30 charter members, numbering among the leading citizens of that town.

The new court promises to be one of the most active and influential of the several that the State Deputy has instituted in this section of the State within the past few months. The membership is very enthusiastic and have signified their purpose to work for a large increase. After the installation of the court Thursday night excellent addresses were made by Mr. B. D. Hamilton, chief ranger-elect of the Wilmington court, and others of the visitors and local members. The order is well known in the West and especially on the Pacific, gaining now a strong foothold in the East. Mr. Barach, supreme deputy and State organizer for North Carolina, has found the work so arduous in this section that he has been forced to secure assistance. As an insurance order, the I. O. F. has few equals and no superiors in the opinion of those who have had occasion to investigate its merits. On the 31st of October 1908, the order reported a surplus of two and a half million dollars and a membership of 260,000. It has been in existence 34 years and the gain recently, it is said, has been at the rate of a million dollars insurance each year.

WILMINGTON POSTOFFICE.

Service Being Held Up Locally as Example for Other Cities in State.

It is very gratifying to read the following communication in yesterday's Charlotte Observer from a resident of that city highly complimenting the service at the Wilmington postoffice. The Charlotte man writes as follows: To the Editor of The Observer:

The enclosed extract from a private letter, dated Wilmington, December 28th, may be of interest to the long-suffering Charlotte public:

"We surely have very good mail service. Our own postman was here five (5) times on Christmas Eve, besides extra ones and two (2) autos, loaded down. Our postoffice is too small and as soon as the new custom house is built the United States Court will be moved there, then their vacated premises will be used by the postoffice. This past week the postmaster's own private office was used as a money order office, so as to leave more room for the registry office.

"In the lobby there was an extra clerk to weigh the packages, marking the ones for registration with red, for the ordinary with black.

"I should think that the Charlotte business men would see that their postoffice is adjusted on a better basis."

At the residence of the recipient of the above letter there was one delivery on Christmas Eve, none on Christmas Day, and one on December 26th. W.

PROMINENT CITIZEN UP

Will be Charged With Larceny of Rooster Next Week.

A great deal of interest has been created by the announcement that a prominent citizen would be tried in public for the alleged larceny of a Plymouth Rock rooster and many have been the conjectures as to who the accused will be.

Of course it is understood that it is a Mock Court Trial, which hinges on the alleged larceny of a rooster. Col. Walker Taylor is the complainant. He is supposed to have owned the rooster. Mr. Cameron McRae is a white man, yet he is accused of lifting the rooster and making way with it in some manner to the complainant unknown. J. O. Carr, Esq., will sit upon the judicial bench and it will need be sat on by somebody to hold it down during the roars of laughter that will sweep over the court room. In any other court it is not good form to laugh and applaud, but the rules will be suspended on this occasion.

The prosecuting attorney is Col. A. V. Newton; defendant's attorney, Robert Ruark, Esq. The official court stenographer will be Mr. Meares Harriss and a verbatim report of the trial will be made. Officers are now summoning the witnesses, jurors, etc.

CROSS-TIES FOR PANAMA

Cargo For Big Construction Work Now in Progress on Isthmus.

The German steamer Eriphia, Captain Bellman, cleared yesterday via Brunswick, Ga., with cargo of 31,000 cross-ties, valued at $21,265 and consigned by Mr. L. J. Merriman, the well known Wilmington operator who has cleared a number of cargoes for the same work, to Colon, Panama. The Eriphia goes to Brunswick to complete her cargo, Mr. Merriman also having large timber interest at that port. The steamer received her cargo here from Point Peter, the vessel being consigned to Messrs. Heide & Co.

Regular Interest Quarter
of The People's Savings Bank [illegible] January 1st, deposit now and you will get your interest in Three months. 3t

AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH

Dr. McKelway Confers With The Local Committee in Regard to Child Labor.

BAPTIST STATE MISSIONS

Board Met Yesterday and Transacted Much Business—Food Adulteration—Penitentiary Directors—Other Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 1.—Dr. A. J. McKelway, secretary for the Southern States of the National Child Labor Committee, spent the day in Raleigh conferring with members of the North Carolina Committee relative to the situation in North Carolina and the probable legislation which will be asked of the General Assembly that convenes here next Wednesday

Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, bishop of the diocese of North Carolina, is chairman of the committee. The committee has nothing to say at this time as to what changes, if any, will be asked in the present law, which prohibits the working of children under 12 years, allows those 12 to 13 years in factories only as apprentices, provided they have attended school four of the preceeding 12 months, limits their time to 66 hours per week and prohibits night work for minors under 18.

The North Carolina State Board of Missions in annual session here this morning completed the apportionment of $40,000 for the prosecution of Baptist mission work in the State for 1909, an increase of $3,000 over the previous year. The board re-elected Rev. W. R. Bradshaw missionary at large for the western, and Rev. Braxton Craig missionary for the eastern sections of the State. The principal work was allotting aid to churches in important fields not yet self-sustaining in pastoral support. Prominent Baptist were here from all parts of the State for the meeting. Dr. Livingston Johnson, corresponding secretary of the board, was granted a month's vacation and a purse presented to him for his expenses in taking a pleasure trip to Cuba this month.

The State Department of Agriculture has determined to prosecute a number of violators of the State pure food law, penalties for violations being fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court. In one Eastern Carolina town especially, the name not being divulged yet by the department, there have been repeated violations that have been checked up and the dealers promised to conform to the law in future, and then been caught up with again before a great while. The violations include selling sacks of feed without the tax tag attached, selling 92 pound sacks for 100 pound sacks in competition with other dealers who conform to the requirements, and failure to have the feed branded as to the standard of its contents.

The directors of the State penitentiary, J. G. Hackett, of North Wilkesboro, chairman, was in annual session here today perfecting its report to the General Assembly for the past two years which have been among the most successful on record in spite of the heavy losses through damage to crops the past season.

Secretary Pogue, of the State Fair, announced today that there will be held at an early date at some central point a meeting of the secretaries of big fairs in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia for purpose of organizing a grand circuit of fairs such as has never been attempted in the South before. One of the special results expected is that there will be no conflicts of dates for big fairs.

MANIA FOR OUTDOORS

Unfortunate Young White Woman is Taken in Custody by Police.

Early yesterday afternoon Policemen R. L. Rouse and H. P. Merritt went out to what is known as Noble's Neck just beyond Smith's Creek, and took in custody Carrie Yates, a young white woman, who is evidently of deranged mind and possessing a queer mania for living outdoors. She is not over 23 years of age and says she is the wife of Louis Yates. Her condition came to the notice of the police two weeks ago when Policeman C. G. Jones went out and brought her to the city. She was surrounded by decidedly bad influences and the Mayor turned her over to the keeping of the Salvation Army, with whom she remained only one night and ran away the next morning, since which time she had not been heard of until yesterday when it was reported that she had been living in the woods for several days, building up a fire of pine knots at night and sleeping in the open. Mayor Springer yesterday evening asked the Salvation Army to care for her during the night and she will be sent over to the county authorities today for an examination by a lunacy commission with a view of securing her admission into one of the State institutions.

Deposits made on or before Jan. 2nd will bear interest from Jan. 1st at the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company.

COMING TO ARBITRATION

Waterworks Question Expected to be Decided by Board of Aldermen Monday Night—Still There is No Agreement.

Now that the holidays have passed, the Board of Aldermen is expected to get down to something definite on the waterworks proposition and at the regular meeting on Monday night it is more than probable that something definite will be done. The Board of Audit and Finance will meet the same night to pass upon the formalities in connection with the bond issue and by the middle of the week, it is expected that the proceeds of the sale will be available.

It was stated yesterday that the question of the purchase of the present plant will again come to the Board with a divided recommendation from the committee, two members being in favor of offering $140,000 for the property and two members a lesser amount. Then on the other hand, it is safe to say that if $140,000 is offered it will not be accepted by the water company, which contends—and it would seem not without reason, too—that the value of its plant as a going concern is in much better position than it was a year ago, when it was about to take $140,000 "under the hammer," so to speak. The revenues have been increased from $3,000 to $4,000 over its earning capacity a year ago and while much of this is attributed to the advance in rates to consumers, the company apparently very properly sets up that it had to undergo the calumny or odium of this step and the difficulty of placing the new rates in operation and it should certainly be entitled to some consideration in the matter. It is also pointed out by the company that it is now pumping less water at a greater revenue than it was a year ago, the abandon of the Coast Line patronage contributing to this end and that the property is for other reasons worth more.

With the continued wide divergence between the Aldermen themselves and the Aldermen and the company there seems to be a growing sentiment in favor of arbitration to settle the whole matter. The people who voted the bonds and expressed at that time a desire for municipal ownership are thoroughly in accord with the admonition of Mr. George Rountree at a recent meeting of the Board: "For Heaven's sake, gentlemen, do something."

DEATH OF MRS. POWERS.

Good Woman Entered Into Rest Yesterday Morning—Funeral.

Mrs. Mary Katherine Powers, relict of the late Joseph Frances Powers and mother of Mr. J. O. Powers, of this city, passed away suddenly yesterday morning shortly after 7 o'clock at the family home, No. 824 Grace street, and the news of her death will come with infinite sorrow to many friends in Wilmington and elsewhere and the sympathy of the community will go out to the bereaved ones in their sorrow.

The death of Mrs. Powers was due to an acute attack of heart failure. She was apparently in her usual health when she arose yesterday morning and the family was totally unprepared for the shock that came with her death a short time after she was stricken. Mrs. Powers was a daughter of the late J. B. Orrell, of Wilmington, and was in the 68th year of her age. For years she had been a devout member of the Catholic church and was held in the highest esteem by all who enjoyed her acquaintance. Of the immediate family, only the son survives, but there are also several sisters, these being Mrs. M. F. Maunder, of Waycross, Ga.; Mrs. W. A. Sweeney, of San Antonio, Texas; and Mrs. C. A. Russell, of Wilmington. Mrs. L. L. Boon, Mrs. D. W. Chadwick and Mrs. J. F. Maunder, all of this city, are half-sisters of the deceased. They have the sympathy of all in the sorrow which has come to them.

The funeral of Mrs. Powers will be conducted tomorrow, the hour to be announced later, pending advices from relatives who are expected from a distance to attend the obsequies.

NORTH STATE LODGE, I. O. B. B.

Officers Elected For Ensuing Year. Representatives Chosen.

At a recent meeting of North State Lodge No. 222, B'nai B'rith, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Louis Goodman; Vice President, Julius Sternberger; Treasurer, A. G. Dannebaum; Secretary, I. J. Sternberger; Monitor, Ike W. Solomon; Assistant Monitor, Rev. S. Mendelsohn, D. D.; Warden, E. I. Bear; Trustees, J. N. Jacobi, chairman; I. W. Solomon, L. Bluethenthal, B. Solomon and Samuel Bear, Jr.; Installing Officer, M. W. Jacobi.

Messrs. I. W. Solomon, M. W. Jacobi, I. J. Sternberger, with Messrs. J. N. Jacobi, Sam Bear, Jr., and William Goodman as alternates were elected as representatives to the Grand Lodge which meets in Savannah, Ga., the latter part of March.

Retiring President I. W. Solomon reports the lodge in flourishing condition with much activity and interest displayed by its members. The newly elected officers will be installed on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 3rd, in the Odd Fellows' Hall.

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EVENTS OF NEW YEAR

Aside From "Watching Prohibition" The Day Was Generally Observed Here.

REGARDED AS A HOLIDAY

Golf Match Attracted Many—Travel to Sound and Beach—Dance Last Night at Lumina—Business Houses Closed.

"A Happy and Prosperous New Year!"

Such was the universal greeting on the streets in Wilmington yesterday. The occasion was very generally observed as a holiday. All public offices, National, county and municipal, were closed for at least a part of the day, the banks transacted no business and a majority of the business houses kept the saloons company in the afternoon.

The day was the occasion of many happy family gatherings and the proverbial New Year dinner in which peas and hog jowl was the piece de resistance was served in many a household. As on Thanksgiving and Christmas, many sportsmen went afield in quest of game while many others took the trip to the Sound and Beach on the amplified schedule furnished by the Tidewater Power Company. Many private and public entertainments by lodges, societies, etc., served as a medium for the hearty interchange of the compliments of the season. At the Y. M. C. A. there were several splendid basket ball games and other athletic exercises and last night there was a very enjoyable New Year's reception.

On the Golf Links.

On the links of the Cape Fear Country Club there was a most interesting men's handicap over 21 holes, an annual New Year's event, and many members of the club and their guests spent the day on the attractive grounds. An oyster roast and luncheon were served during the afternoon by the ladies and the affair is spoken of by all in attendance as most delightful and befitting a proper observance of the New Year. Mr. R. H. Gwaltney, who captured the first division trophy in the holiday week Southern tournament at Pinehurst, N. C., the past week, was the winner of the match yesterday afternoon with Mr. F. W. Dick second and Mr. W. A. Townes third. There were a number of entries and the play continued nearly all day.

Sigma-Nu Fraternity Dance.

The dance by the Sigma Nu fraternity last night at Lumina, on Wrightsville Beach, was a most delightful affair for the young men of that Greek letter society, their lady friends and other guests. The party went down to the beach on two chartered cars at 8:45 o'clock and returned at an early hour this morning. The attractive pavilion has been neatly enclosed in glass and last night was beautifully decorated in Sigma Nu colors, the ball room floor presenting a scene of rare beauty. Large coke fires burned in the old-fashioned open fire-place and the room was well heated all night, so that the dancers experienced nothing of the Wintry blasts without. The dance was led by Mr. W. P. Emerson and between eighty and one hundred young people were present for the pretty affair. The patronesses were Mrs. F. A. Lord, Mrs. R. W. Hicks, Mrs. B. G. Empie, Miss Jennie Wood and Miss Mary Lucas Cantwell.

ON OFFICCIAL VISITATION

Grand Regent H. E. Bonitz Leaves For Newbern and Raleigh, N. C.

Grand Regent H. E. Bonitz, of the Grand Council of the Royal Arcanium in this State, left yesterday afternoon for Newbern where last night he paid an official visitation to Trent Council, of that city. Mr. Bonitz was expected to install the newly elected officers of the council and take part in a social session prepared in his honor.

The Grand Regent has also accepted an invitation to visit the Royal Arcanum Lodge in Raleigh on January 11th, and a special says that the Capital City Arcanumites are preparing a big celebration upon the occasion of his visit. The celebration will include a banquet at which there will be a number of attractive speakers.

Donations for Orphanage.

Liberal donations from members of Fifth Street Methodist Sundayy School have been received at the church during the past two days for the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh, and will be forwarded today. The donations consist of a quantity of useful supplies contributed as Christmas gifts from the classes.

New Year Resolutions of a Thrifty Man.

1—Resolved. To save more and spend less.

2—Resolved. To place my savings in a good strong Savings Bank.

3—Resolved. To increase my principal by the addition of 4 per cent. Compound Interest.

4—Resolved. That after due consideration I have selected The People's Savings Bank as my depository, and I invite my friends to do likewise.

(Signed) THE THRIFTY MAN.

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THE NEXT LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature meets next week and it will have several very important matters to consider. These matters should be considered and discussed by the people so that their representatives can know the views of their constituents. From what we hear, some of the most important questions it will be called to pass upon are first and foremost the raising of sufficient amount of income to meet the expenses of the State, including appropriations to charitable institutions and for aid of Confederate veterans. During the last two years the expenditures were $59,000 greater than the receipts. This is a matter which must be considered. This deficit must be made good and a tax must be laid to take the place of that heretofore laid on the liquor business. Prohibition, which went into effect yesterday, will cut the State off from much revenue.

Then in consequence of this prohibition measure there will be many bills providing for the establishment of medical dispensaries in different counties of the State. Legislators should be careful how they handle this question. No matter what the personal views of individual members of the Legislature, they should remember that the people of the State have recently, by an overwhelming majority, declared against the sale in any form or shape of intoxicating liquors. The Legislators should be careful in making exceptions, by special acts, to the will of the people. The people have declared for State prohibition and we want to see it given a fair trial.

Then the Legislature will be called upon to act upon the question of guaranty of deposits in State banks. This will be an entirely new departure in our State, and it is a question which should not be settled hastily. The Legislators should give it careful consideration and they, in coming to a determination on the subject, should have the benefit of the opinions and of the advice of their constituents.

There are other matters of importance which this Legislature will be called to act upon. In fact because of the grave subjects which will come before the next Legislature it will be one of the most important held in this State in a long while, and the members should have the support and the countenance of all the good people of the State.

YOUNG ROOSEVELT'S GRIT.

When it was announced in the press that young Roosevelt had taken a position with a certain New England carpet factory the public was inclined to make fun over the matter. The public looked upon the matter as a joke and some papers even went so far as to say some very unkind things on the subject. Very different in sentiment is the following editorial on the subject which we find in the Charlotte Chronicle of Thursday, headed "Young Roosevelt's Grit.":

"Young Theodore Roosevelt, who was appointed major on the staff of Governor Lilley, of Connecticut, has not yet bought a uniform and probably will not be able to buy one—and thereby hangs a tale. It seems that the young man elected to go into a carpet factory at Thompkinsville to learn a trade, which calling and election his worthy father, the President of the United States, frowned upon. As an apprentice young Roosevelt gets wages barely sufficient to pay for his board and clothes and he has no money to lay out in the expensive uniform and accoutrements required of the toy major of a Governor's staff. His father having given him to understand that if he chose to become a carpet maker instead of reaching for some more illustrious profession, he might make up his mind to paddle his own canoe and need expect no parental aid, financial or otherwise. This alternative the young man accepted and that is why he does not call upon his father to help him buy a uniform. Young Roosevelt has set an admirable example of independence and the people will be proud of him. The elements are mixed in him just right for the making of a successful man."

The American people should give him praise for the course he has pursued rather than try to cast ridicule upon him. He is deserving of praise—not because he, as the President's son, has taken such course, but because as a young American he has chosen to go to work in an honest calling rather than bank on the reputation of his father for securing an easier life.

The State Legislature meets next week and the National Congress will again convene after the Christmas vacation. So in a few days the papers will be full of legislative news. Congress at this session will do little; but the State Legislature will probably take up several important matters, chief among them the bank guarantee of deposits.

Do you want a tax levied on State banks to provide a fund to guarantee deposits in such banks? That is a question you should consider, for it will surely come before your representatives in the Legislature for endorsement or rejection. You should be prepared to let your representative know your views on the subject.

If the Supreme Court should affirm the judgment in the Gompers contempt case we suppose Bryan will tell the public that the court is wrong. Bryan may be right, but that won't vacate the judgment of the court, however.

The men who murdered ex-Senator Carmack have had to serve a term in jail, no matter what the jury will say in the case. That is some satisfaction to those who think that murderers should suffer some punishment.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Claus Spreckles, the deceased Sugar King, it is said, left an estate of $50,000,000. He was a man of undoubted business capacity, but his vast wealth represented in great part the difference between what the people of the United States did pay and what they should have paid for the sugar they have consumed since Mr. Spreckels turned his attention to refining sugar.—Philadelphia Record.

—It is Nimrod Roosevelt's ambition to capture alive an aryx, a keenboc and a nahau. It is perfectly safe to hunt them, for all three species have been extinct for half a century. He had as well be searching for a behemoth or a masterdon. Having such wild desires, it is not to Africa he should go, but to the mountains of Hepsidam in pursuit of a whangdoodle.—Norfolk Virginian.

—The house will investigate conditions in the canal zone—that is well enough. But we hope an investigation of present conditions will not be accepted in lieu of some knowledge of the original transaction and that the importance of the canal need not side-track the recent desire of the house to learn something of its own relations to certain charges made by the President.—Times-Union.

—Federal expenditures, 1878, $135,000,000; Federal expenditures, 1908, $638,000,000; Federal expenditures, 1938—what?—Charlotte Observer. The answer depends upon which political party dominates the Government in the interim. If the Republicans remain in power during the entire period, at least eighteen figures will be required to express the result.—Norfolk Virginian.

—"If a man steals a ride on a railroad he is called a hobo; if he steals the whole railroad his name is emblazoned in history as a financier," so remarks the warden of an Iowa penitentiary. The warden is not up to date. Nowadays the man who steals the whole railroad is more likely to have his name emblazoned in a Roosevelt message as a malefactor; and history will be requested to take note accordingly—Providence Journal.

—Senator Dolliver's scheme for extending the functions of the federal government and paralyzing local public spirit is to have the nation contribute to the support of the common schools. The states are abundantly able to provide elementary education. The rural communities where the support of proper schools might be burdensome are assisted in many states from the revenues drawn from the great cities. It is not necessary for the United States to subsidize the common schools.—Virginian-Pilot.

—As the fuller reports come in from the earthquake stricken districts of Italy, the more terrible and widespread appears the disaster. It would require the genius of a Bulwar-Lytton to describe the scenes of devastation and horror, and the dramatic incidents of the tremendous tragedy. Enough is already known of the event to put in the class of the world's greatest disasters, and the probabilities are that the scope and pity of it will continue to grow as the full story of it reaches the outside world.—Savannah News.

—And so it is with the summing up of the year. When we sit down quietly and analyze it, we find an abundance in it to commend and be thankful for. That there was less crime at Christmas time than has been the rule heretofore must be gratifying; that there were fewer physical misfortunes is pleasing to know. That comic supplements are passing away indicates our steadily developing good taste. We have much upon which to congratulate ourselves. Who knows but that February 14 next may see a reformation in comic valentines and All Fools' Day in practical jokes?—Washington Herald.

If protectionist Republicans, who are advocating a tariff duty of 5 cents a pound on coffee, were half as zealous in urging that the government be administered with some proper regard for economy as they are in suggesting ways and means to meet growing deficits, there would be no occasion for additional revenues. Why not turn their attention first to curtailing disbursements? If, when this is done, additional income should still be needed, why not tax the luxuries rather than the necessities of life? Must the burden of government always fall most heavily upon those least able to bear it.—Virginian-Pilot.

—It has remained for Sir Robert Hart—an Englishman who has spent his life in China, and who has a knowledge of Chinese second to that of no man—to make known that there is no such thing as a yellow peril; that the Chinaman does not dream dreams of conquered provinces. Sir Robert says the despised Chinaman is animated by so mean and abject a sentiment that he thinks right should decided difference of opinion and that "it ought to be recognized by everybody; why should anybody be compelled," he asks, "to fight for it?" Sir Robert believes that if China ever does become westernized it will not be to overrun the world; on the contrary, she will be so much opposed to militarism that she will throw her strength against the aggressor in the aim to put an end to wars.—Baltimore News.

TWINKLINGS.

—Kilby—I did a very absent-minded thing this morning. Street—What was it? Kilby—Offered a tip to the man who shaved my note.—Boston Transcript.

—"Peace hath her victories," quoted the Wise Guy. "Yes, but we generally have to fight pretty hard for them," added the Simple Mug—Philadelphia Record.

"I trust we shall make you feel quite at home," remarked the hotel proprietor. "Don't you try it," expostulated the married man. "I'm away from it to have a jolly good time."—Bystander.

Friend—You took your son into your establishment some months ago to teach him the business, I understand. How did he turn out? Business Man (wearily)—Great success. He's teaching me now.—Tit-Bits.

—Women With the Sun Bonnet—If anybody asks me what I know about you I shall tell 'em the exact truth. Woman With the Gingham Apron—If you do, Mag. Parkins, as sure as I'm standin' here I'll sue you for slander!—Chicago Tribune.

—Tommy—Ma, I met the minister on my way to Sunday school, and he asked me if I ever went fishing on Sunday. Mater—And what did you say, darling? Tommy—I said, "Get thee behind me, Satan," and ran right away from him.—Judge.

—As a pleasant-faced woman passed the corner Harris touched his hat to her and remarked to his companion: "Ah, my boy, I owe a great deal to that woman." "Your mother?" was the query. "No; my landlady."—Chicago Journal.

—"Thinks of the extravagance of that New York broker who gave an automobile to an actress." "Gave away an automobile," rejoined Mr. Chuggins, thoughtfully. "That wasn't extravagance. That was economy."—Washington Star.

—"You see," said the professor, "the science of chemistry depends on the discovery of certain affinities—" "Pardon me," interrupted Miss Prym. "I trust the conversation can proceed without drifting into scandal."—Washington Star.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Issue of $1,000,000 of Bonds for Improvements of N. & S.
(News and Observer.)

It is learned in Raleigh that the Federal court decree by Judge Waddill authorizing the issuance of the $1,000,000 in the Norfolk and Southern receivership certificates provides that the $1,000,000 thus derived is to be spent as follows:

To construct an official building on Water street in the city of Norfolk, $5,000; to construct a freight house on Water street, $30,000 to remodel the present Water street freight depot and office building, $7,500; to provide suitable furniture and fixtures for the new $5,000 building, $12,500; to carry out and perform the contract with the Virginia railway for double tracking its line of road from Tidewater junction to the line of the Norfolk and Western railway west of Park Avenue station in Norfolk, $7,500.

To provide additional facilities, tolls and equipments for the New Bern machine shops, $65,000; to construct a new car float bridge at Berkley, $10,000; to enlarge the yard tracks at Berkley, $10,000; to replace the wooden bridges by steel bridges $17,500; to complete the Albemarle Sound bridge, $580,000; to complete the Pinetown cut-off branch line from Pinetown to Bishop Cross, $36,000; to construct a side track at Bayboro, N. C., $5,000; to construct a new station at Oriental, N. C., $2,500; to rearrange and enlarge the passenger station at Newbern, N. C., $6,000; to repair and improve the warehouses at Newbern, $5,000 to enlarge the yard tracks at Newbern, $5,000; to construct additional sidetracks at Farmville, N. C., $3,500; to construct additional sidetracks Washington, N. C., $2,500; to enlarge the freight houses at Stantonsburg and Bailey's, N. C., $1,000; to construct freight and passenger station at Simpson, N. C., and Nevision, N. C., $3,000; to enlarge the cotton platforms Greenville, N. C., and Stantonsburg, N. C., $900; to change the draw at Lynhaven Inlet, $5,000; to repair the Beaufort trestle bridge, $15,000; to widen the fills on the Raleigh division, to deepen ditches and to provide additional sidetracks and necessary improvements of station grounds and facilities, $119,000. Total, $1,000,000.

Seven Years of Proof.

"I have had seven years of proof that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best medicine to take for coughs and colds and for every diseased condition of throat, chest or lungs," says W. V. Henry, of Panama, Mo. The world has had thirty-eight years of proof that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best remedy for coughs and colds, la grippe, asthma, hay fever, bronchitis, hemorrhage of the lungs, and the early stages of consumption. Iits timely use always prevents the development of pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at Robt. R. Bellamy's drug store. 50c, and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

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KILLED BEFORE OPERATION.

Hospital Patient on Transporting Table in Elevator.
(Racine Dispatch to Baltimore Sun.)

Miss Mary Hardin, aged 45, was killed in an elevator accident in St. Mary's Hospital, when about to be operated on today.

An anaesthetic had been administered, and she had been placed on a transporting table and taken to the elevator. The electric elevator suddenly dropped, causing Miss Hardin to fall from the table to the elevator floor. The nurse in charge stopped the elevator and then pulled a wire cable to raise it. The patient's head was caught between the elevator platform and the second floor, her neck was broken and her head crushed. The elevator was in charge of a nurse who was not familiar with its method of operation.

When the elevator dropped the nurse became excited, it is supposed, and, seizing the cable operating the elevator, caused it to go up. The nurse did not notice that the patient's head was hanging over the edge of the elevator platform until it was caught between the floor and the platform, causing the elevator to stop.

Physicians who were to perform the operation witnessed the accident, but were unable to prevent it. The relatives of the woman were in the hospital waiting room, and were there told of Miss Hardin's death. An inquest was held, and the jury rendered a verdict, but did not attach blame to the hospital attendants.

ADJOURNED TO ATLANTA.

Officers of Southern Educational Convention Elected For Year.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.—Southern agricultural schools, library work and general educational progress were discussed at the final sessions of the Southern Educational convention here today. The following officers for the ensuing years were elected: President, J. H. Sickle, superintendent of schools of Baltimore, Md.; first vice president, E. B. Craighead, New Orleans; second vice president, M. W. Staton, superintendent of Atlanta schools; third vice president, Miss Marian Hanekt, Charleston, S. C.; secretary, for four years, H. E. Bierly, Chattanooga; treasurer, E. H. Burns, Atlanta.

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GEO. O. GAYLORD

first wish is to thank you and everyone of you for your liberal Christmas trade The year of 1908 has been a very hard year, but we have held our own, weathered the storm of financial depression and increased the size of our store to the amount of 7,000 feet of floor space. Christmas is over and has brought many pleasures to us all, and we are now thinking and planning for 1909.

TOY'S

We have not sold out our toys, the assortment is almost complete now. Sunday Schools and Charitable Institutions can get 25 per cent. discount on all their purchases in this line. We buy like we sell, very liberal. We are still receiving new goods.

A big assortment of new Kid Goves just received, in all colors. Elegant new yard-wide Satin at $1.00 per yard. Special styles in children's Hats, were $1.75, now 98c. Ladies' Cloaks, they have taken a tumble in price as we have just bought a drummer's samples and we are letting them go at a big reduction. A few tailor-made Suits, were $10.00, now $7.50. In Furs we have a plenty. The up-to-date new Furs are sold at reasonable prices, and the cheap Furs are sold still cheaper.

OUR DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT

has shared most liberal in our Christmas trade. The great quantity that we have sold still leaves aplenty that is new and up-to-date. We have a nice line of 54-inch Broadcloth that sold at $1.25 and $1.50, we are now selling at 98c per yard. Yard-wide Bleaching, nice quality at 7c per yard. Large assortment of Feather Pillows, a good pillow for 30c a piece; a 2 1-2 pound Pillow at 75c and up to a genuine down Pillow at $2.25. 64-inch wide Table Linen, strictly all linen at 60c per yard. 54-inch Mercerized Linen at 25c per yard.

Our Christmas trade has been better this year than last, which we justly feel very proud of. Thanking you again for your liberal support for the year of 1908, and ask that you continue through the year of 1909 the same. Remember

The Big Store On Front Street

GEO. O. GAYLORD,
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DAVID'S

Happy New Year Everybody!

The record for 1908 is made up and the book is closed. Remember its joys and forget its sorrows.

May the New Year Be the Brightest and Best Ever for All of Us!

We swing into 1909 with a determination to discount the past at every point of comparison and to make this store more than ever the best clothing store in this locality.

If you're to see the old year out, perhaps you'll need one of our good warm Overcoats, the kind we sell at

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Remember, that we are now in our New Home, 212 North Front Street.
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We will be open every night from now through the Christmas holidays. We have an excellent line of fur top and boudour slippers and gaiters in all colors, suitable for Christmas gifts. A hearty welcome to all.

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Some folks like a single turnout,
Some prefer a trap and pair;
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We've rigs of all sorts here:
When you need a team at once,
And have no time to waste,
Call FIFTEEN on the Telephone,
We'll have it there post-haste.

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The author will please call and get a horse and buggy—(for the afternoon.)

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Odd Contrasts In Climate.

New York is usually thought of as being directly west from London. It is, however, despite its far more rigorous climate, 900 miles nearer the equator than is the British capital. The bleak coast of Labrador is directly west of London. The same line passes the southern part of Hudson bay and Lake Winnipeg. On the other side of the continent it touches the southern extremity of Alaska and continues through the center of the isthmus of Kamchatka and Siberia and Russia to Homburg.

It is astonishing, too, to reflect on the fact that Montreal, with its winters of extraordinary severity, is 350 miles nearer the equator than is London. Montreal, indeed, is on the same degree of latitude as Venice.

Another illustration of the unexpected in contrasts is found in a comparison of St. John's, Newfoundland, with Paris. Paris has a winter of comparative mildness, while St. John's is a region of bitter cold and fogs, with drifting icebergs along its coast. Yet St. John's is 100 miles nearer the equator. —New York Tribune.

Fasting In Japan.

From time out of mind, says the Japan Times, certain devotees of that country have visited a celebrated temple at Narita twice a year to perform the pious act of fasting within its sacred precincts. A "fasting hall" has been specially erected for their accommodation. Observations kept on 226 men and 32 women who fasted showed that of the whole number 59 fasted less than a week, 174 fasted one week, 10 continued fasting two weeks, 14 fasted three weeks, and one went without food for five weeks. Inquiry as to the motives of the fasters showed that 169 men and 25 women desired to rise in the world, 13 men and 2 women wanted to increase their business profits, 16 men prayed for the safety of their families, 13 men and 4 women sought cures of diseases and 10 men wanted general good luck. Only three persons, two men and one woman, fasted in gratitude for the fulfillment of former prayers. "It need scarcely be said," remarks the Japan Times, "that the period of their fasting was the shortest."

Snowball Showers.

More than one explorer in cold climates has noted the curious phenomenon of a "snowball shower." The balls, it is true, are not very big, the average being about the size of a hen's egg, but they are true snowballs for all that—compressed globes of snow, not little lumps of ice or hail. A fall of the kind occurred in north London in March, 1859, and at the time it was observed that the balls seemed five times as dense and compressed as ordinary snow and in no way to be told from the usual handmade missiles. They had fallen during the night and were strewn many layers thick over a very large area. No cause—except a doubtful electrical one—can be ascribed for the strange phenomenon, and mountaineers are apt to discredit the stories of snowball showers told them by the old guides till suddenly in the midst of an ordinary storm they find themselves assailed as though by myriads of mischievous schoolboys.—London Standard.

A Patient Judge.

A western judge, sitting in chambers, seeing from the piles of papers in the lawyers' hands that the first case was likely to be hotly contested, asked, "What is the amount in question?" "Two dollars," said the plaintiff's counsel. "I'll pay it," said the judge, handing over the money. "Call the next case."

He had not the patience of Sir William Grant, who, after listening for two days to the arguments of counsel as to the construction of a certain act, quietly observed when they had done, "That act has been repealed."—Argonaut.

Up Against a Hard One.

The great delver into the secrets of nature who had accumulated a fortune and retired from active business in order to be able to give his whole time to study and experiments was observed to be cogitating profoundly.

"What are you giving your mind to now?" inquired one of his laboratory assistants.

"I am merely wondering," he answered, "what becomes of all the corks."—Chicago Tribune.

In Doubt.

"That's a curious looking mule you're driving," remarked the man who was whittling a pine stick.

"Yassir," answered Erastus Pinkley "He is kind o' cur'us."

"What will you take for him?"

"What'll I take foh him? Say, boss, is you referrin' to dat mule as a piece o' property or an affliction?"—Washington Star.

True to Her Training.

"Where was the new star discovered?" asked one dramatic critic of another.

"In a laundry," was the reply.

"Ah, well, she can't forget her old calling. She's mangling the part."

The Other Way.

"So you refuse me admittance," complained the newly arrived spirit to St Peter. "You turn me off into the cold."

"No," replied the old saint, "into the hot."—Boston Transcript.

A Suspicion.

She—How is it your sister did not sing tonight? He—Oh, the doctor has forbidden her. He says she must not sing for six months. She—Does he live near her?

An error gracefully acknowledged is a victory won.—Gascoigne.

The Telephone.

Professor Alexander Graham Bell is reported to have explained in a lecture how he came to invent the telephone as follows:

"My father invented a symbol by which deaf mutes could converse, and finally I invented an apparatus by which the vibrations of speech could be seen, and it turned out to be a telephone. It occurred to me to make a machine that would enable one to hear vibrations. I went to an aurist, and he advised me to take the human ear as my model. He supplied me with a dead man's ear, and with this ear I experimented, and upon applying the apparatus I found that the dead man's ear wrote down the vibrations.

"I arrived at the conclusion that if I could make iron vibrate on a dead man's ear I could make an instrument more delicate which would cause those vibrations to be heard and understood. I thought if I placed a delicate piece of steel over an electric magnet I could get a vibration, and thus the telephone was completed.

"The telephone arose from my attempts to teach the deaf to speak. It arose from my knowledge, not of electricity, but as a teacher of the deaf Had I been an electrician I would not have attempted it."

Cocoanuts Make Good Fuel.

"Mine is rather a curious business," said a man who owns a small warehouse and shed down near London's docks. "I deal in cocoanut shells, and last year I sold more than 50,000 bags full of them as fuel.

"I buy thousands of cocoanut shells from stall keepers all over London, from confectioners, from cocoanut oil extractors, from market sweepers and others. I won't tell you the usual price, but sometimes I get them for nothing, for carting them away, in fact. I sell them at fourpence a bag, most of my customers being poor people, who mix them, when broken up, with 'slack' coal. But in scores of hotels and large houses a quantity is bought to be mixed with coals as fire lighters, for the immense amount of oil in cocoanut shells makes them take fire at once. Try it and see.

"I have rivals in the business in other parts of London, and some of the makers of patent fire lighters mix large quantities of the shells in their compositions."—London News.

Rats on Ships.

"Are rats destructive? Well," said a captain of a merchantman, "I once knew them to get through £5,000 worth of stuff in five days.

"Japan does an immense trade with China in cocoons, and the first time I carried such a cargo they were packed in sacks. When we got to Hongkong we found that the rats had discovered that part of a cocoon was good to eat, and the bill for their board came to £5,000. The shipowners were sued for that amount; but, the packing being considered faulty, the claim was disallowed. It was the first and last cocoon feast the rats had, for ever since Japan has packed cocoons in zinc lined cases.

"Every time a ship gets back to Liverpool a rat catcher is set to clearing out the rats, but by the time we have loaded up again the rodents are every bit as numerous. In some ports we use rat guards on the ropes, and the ship is always fumigated before taking a cargo of fruit or tea. But there is no getting rid of them entirely."—London Graphic.

Prepared For Contingencies.

"We have lots of curious 'last requests' from patients who are about to have operations performed," said a nurse in the women's surgical ward of one of the New York hospitals, "but I thought about the last word had been said on this subject one day last week when one of my patients before going to the operating room called me to her and asked me to write two postal cards to her husband so that she might sign them before the operation. One was to read, 'My dear husband, the operation was at 10 o'clock this morning, and I am getting along fine.' The other one was: 'My dear husband, the operation was at 10 o'clock this morning, and I am sorry to say I died From your loving wife.'"—New York Times.

Her Tongue.

They were talking of figures of speech.

"Have you ever noticed," said one, "how fond people are of vegetable metaphors when they are dealing with a woman? Her cheeks are 'roses,' her lips are 'cherry,' her hands are always 'lily' hands, her mouth is a 'rosebud,' her complexion is 'like a peach,' and her breath is 'fragrant as honeysuckle.'"

"You've forgotten one," said the cynic."

"Whats that?"

"Her tongue. It is a scarlet runner."—Exchange.

Consistent to the Last.

"If I was to commit suicide at sea," said Weary Walker as he shifted the hay band on his left foot, "I'd jump from th' bow of th' boat."

"An' why not from th' stern?" queried Limpy Lannigan.

"If I jumped from th' stern," said Weary, "I couldn't avoid th' wash!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Shameless.

Persons belonging to the higher walks of life are to be seen promenading in short jackets and chimney pot hats without the slightest symptom of awkwardness or shame.—London Tailor and Cutter.

Fortune displays our virtues and our vices as light makes all objects apparent.—La Rochefoucauld.

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Saturday, January 2, 1909.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 2, 1908.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Friday, Jan. 1:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 33 degrees; 8 P. M. 40 degrees; maximum 48 degrees; minimum 32 degrees; mean 40 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, .00 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Thursday at 8 A. M. — feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Saturday and probably Sunday, rising temperature Sunday, moderate winds mostly southwest.

Port Calendar—Jan. 2.

Sun Rises.....7:10 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:00 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 44 min.
High water at Southport 5:00 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 6:42 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Crystal Palace—Last Chance.
W. M. Cumming—Real Estate.
Peterson & Rulfs—Shoe Repairing.
N. Jacobi Hdw. Co.—Amatibe Roofing.
J. W. H. Fuchs—This Week's Specials.
Mechanics' Home Association—New Series.
U. S. Engineers' Office—Proposals Inivited.

Business Locals.

Wanted—Young Lady.
Archie McLean—For Sale.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. R. D. Caldwell, of Lumberton, was among the guests at The Orton yesterday.

—H. J. Lyon, Esq., of Elizabethtown, N. C., was here yesterday, a guest at The Orton.

—J. B. Schulken, Esq., of Whiteville, was in the city yesterday, returning from a trip North.

—Colonel N. A. McLean, Mrs. McLean, and little son, accompanied by their maid, returned home yesterday after spending several days in the city, guests at The Orton.

—Mr. T. M. Emerson, president of the Atlantic Coast Line, has gone to Cleveland, Ohio, to be with his son, Mr. Neil Emerson, who is critically ill at his home there.

—Mr. Jos. S. Mitchell, who spent New Year's eve at home, returned yesterday morning to Florence, S. C., where he is in the division counsel offices of the Atlantic Coast Line.

—The friends of Mr. C. W. Yates were delighted to see him up yesterday and on the streets. He expects to leave Monday for Baltimore to consult a specialist and may undergo an operation before he returns.

—The news yesterday from Mr. Geo. H. Bellamy, who has been critically ill at his home in Brunswick county, was to the effect that he is continuing to improve and friends are now very much encouraged to look for his early recovery.

—Mr. J. M. Rothwell, a well known and popular young Wilmingtonian the past three years with the Armour Packing Co., in this city, leaves this afternoon for Charlotte, N. C., having been transferred to the offices of the same company in that city.

SO-CALLED REORGANIZATION

Story Sent Out From Boston in Regard to Power Co., Was Old.

In a card to yesterday's Charlotte Observer, Messrs. Hugh MacRae & Co., yesterday exploded the story sent out from Boston Wednesday in regard to the reorganization of the Rockingham Power Company, which on the face of it, looked rather dismal for the local interests in that great enterprise. The statement by Messrs. MacRae & Co., will be read with interest as follows:

"To the Editor of The Observer:

"In today's issue of The Observer there appears a dispatch from Boston in regard to the reorganization of the Rockinham Power Company, in which it is stated that a plan has been perfected. This is the same plan which was proposed several months ago, and to which the North Carolina interests have refused to assent and it is the same plan which the North Carolina courts have enjoined both the voting trustees and the Knickerbocker Trust Company from putting into effect. The North Carolina interests will not assent until a fair plan is agreed upon and without their consent no plan can be effective. Will you not kindly publish the above facts in order to correct the erroneous impression conveyed by the Boston telegram?

"HUGH M'RAE & CO.

"Wilmington, Dec. 31st, 1908."

Interferred With Officer.

The principal defendant in the police court yesterday was John Hargrove, colored, charged with interfering with Officer Frank George when he arrested Chester Walker and a negro known as Booker Washington early Friday morning, also causing the latter to get away from the officer. Hargrave was placed under a $50 bond, and was unable to give the security. Officer George managed to snatch an overcoat from Washington as he ran off, and a search disclosed that it contained a pair of knucks. The latter negro has been a porter at Jarman's Drug Store on Princess street and his whereabouts are unknown to the police.

Monsignor Falconio, the Apostolic delegate in this country, has issued an appeal to the Church for contributions for the "vast multitude of sufferers" from the Italian earthquake.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—A ladies' handicap golf match will be played at the Country Club this afternoon at 3 o'clock. All ladies of the club are invited to enter.

—After suspension for the holdiays, the Cape Fear Academy will resume its sessions Monday. The Spring term of this old and well known institution promises exceedingly well.

—Ammie Carter, colored, was arrested at Eighth and Nixon streets last night by Officer Coleman on suspicion of having stolen a fine razor which he was offering remarkably cheap. He will be given a hearing before the Mayor today.

—Every member of the First Baptist church is earnestly requested to attend the service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. A special sermon will be preached preliminary to the week of prayer to follow with services each night at the usual hour.

—The Mechanics' Home Association opens a new series of building and loan stock today. This is the 37th series by this well known institution and shares may be had by application to the secretary, Mr. W. M. Cumming, No. 108 Princess street. This new series will commend itself especially to investors and home builders who are starting the new year aright.

—Further inquiry yesterday developed the fact that Miss Bayard, who was reported in some embarrassment in Richmond, Va., had once resided here, occupying rooms at a boarding house on South Front street, but that she had been away from Wilmington for some time. Occupants of the home in which the young woman resided would give little information as to any assistance that might be rendered her and no further effort was mad .

HIGHWAYMEN GOT LIQUOR

Archie Marine Had Exciting Experience With Negro Men.

Claiming that three negro men attacked him on the highway, on Front between Wooster and Dawson streets, early yesterday morning before day, Archie Marine, a well known white man, made complaint to the police yesterday afternoon that he had been robbed of a quart of whiskey and exhibited a severe bruise on the side of his face, inflicted by one of the negroes who held him up.

Marine was wending his way homeward with his last quart, purchased a short time before the departure of "Old John Barleycorn" and upon reaching the locality mentioned he halted when someone from behind whistled. Shortly afterwards three negroes approached, one of them snatching the whiskey and followed by another companion went across the street. Marine started after them, he says, when the third negro threw a brick bat, which struck him on the left side of the face.

Marine recovered sufficiently to make another effort to recover his whiskey and caught up with the first two, who grew somewhat violent and an altercation ensued in which the white man claimed that he bit off the nose of Louis Fillpot, reported to be a rather desperate character who has several aliases. However, during the encounter the colored man chased off with the whiskey. Marine in giving an account of the affair gave a good description of the parties and the police think they will be able to apprehend them.

NOTHING IN THE CHARGES

Officer Leon George Before Police Committee For Investigation.

Upon a charge of striking a prisoner after he was submissive and under arrest, preferred through Chief Williams by Mr. Richard L. Meares, clerk to the Mayor, who was attracted down stairs a few days ago when officers were bringing in an obstreperous negro, Officer Leon George was given a hearing before the Police Committee Thursday evening at the City Hall, the charge having been dismissed by the committee yesterday.

Mr. George was represented by Col. A. M. Waddell and all members of the committee were present, the Mayor presiding. Mr. Meares was the only witness who testified as to any overt act on the part of the officer and he was not certain whether Mr. George struck the negro or merely slapped him, the provocation having been shown great by other witnesses. Constable W. B. Savage, Fireman W. H. Hancammon and Mr. George each testified that no blow was struck to their knowledge; that the officer had merely pushed his head to one side when the negro had offered an insult. Sergeant C. S. Burnett testified that the negro had volunteered to him the information that the officer had not struck him and the committee without deliberation at once intimated that there was nothing in the charges and that its decision would be officially announced the following day. Yesterday the information was given out that the case had been dismissed forthwith.

POLICE STATISTICS

Arrests During December Numbered 192, Against 169 December 1907.

During the month of December ended yesterday morning the police made 192 arrests against only 169 in December last year. Of the arrests for the month just ended 112 were of colored defendants and 80 white. Twenty defendants were sentenced to the roads for an aggregate of 570 days; nine to the county farm for a total of 270 days; eleven were sent over to the higher court under bonds aggregating $600 and the remainder of the number escaped with fines and cost. Fines and costs collected during the month amounted to $273.75 of which $198.30 went into the city treasury as costs in the cases and $75.45 went to the school fund in fines and forfeitures.

Fancy Dress Ball This Evening.

Complimentary to members of their dancing school, the Misses Myers will give a fancy dress ball tonight in Concordia Hall, which is being anticipated with much real pleasure by those who will attend. The hours will be from 8:30 to 11 o'clock and the costumes and other features will be both interesting and pleasing to all members and patrons of the school.

The Theatre

Yesterday's business was big at the Crystal Palace, and patrons of the theatre enjoyed a happy New Year. The performances both afternoon and night were largely attended and those present were delighted. "Love," the tiny tot of five years, came in for much applause with her dancing and acrobatic work. "Petite Lois," as of yore, was a big favorite, and the Williamses, comedy sketch artists, and Ben Fagan, blackface comedian, shared the honors of the day. Chas. Mears, the "boy who plays everything on the bugle," presented a decidedly novel and picturesque act. Dressed in soldier's uniform he gave a description of camp life and gave the different well known bugle calls in stirring manner, while accompanying illustrated slides gave a pretty effect. Today will witness the last of the present week's fine and popular bill. Rush business will, no doubt, be in order.

Coming of Frank Deshon.

Frank Deshon, whose clever interpretation of the leading comedy role of Jonathan Joy in B. C. Whitney's big musical gaiety, "A Knight For a Day," is one of the features of the production has had a successful career on the musical comedy and comic opera stage which extends over 25 years. He served his apprenticeship in dramatic work as well and was at one time associated with Jouis James, Marie Wainwright and many others of the old school. He is the originator of the leading comedy role in "The Brownies" and was with Henry W. Savage for four seasons, after which he went with Nixon and Zimmerman and played the leading comedy role in their production of "Miss Bob White" over 1,200 times. He also starred under the same management in "The Office Boy" with signal success. In "A Knight for a Day," he is said to have achieved the greatest success of his remarkable career. Mr. Deshon will be seen in the production of "A Knight For a Day," which will be seen at the Academy of Music on Friday night.

Two Pictures at the Bijou.

New Year at the Bijou was marked by very large audiences at each performance and still another strong bid will be made for holiday patronage this afternoon and evening when the films will be "Parisian Life in Miniature," and "A Basket Party." The former is a highly colored film of a most amusing nature in which little ones imitate their elders in all sorts of pretty situations and environments. "A Basket Party" pictures a small party of friends out for a day's picnic and the various mishaps which come to them. Both films are interesting and amusing and Bijou patrons will find them up to the usual high standard.

NEW YEAR'S WELCOME

Pretty Reception at Y. M. C. A. With Fine Programme.

The first of the New Year's sociables was a happy affair at the Y. M. C. A. last evening, in the nature of a reception to the members and friends of the Association.

The welcome was in progress from 8:30 until 11 o'clock and during the evening delightful refreshments were served and the entertaining of those present was carried out in such a manner as to occasion much praise for the Woman's Auxiliary, which had charge of the arrangements. The decorations were uniquely arranged and the handsome parlors and reception rooms were aglow with the pretty Christmas decorations carrying out principally the colors of green and red. The committee on decorations was Mrs. L. A. Blue, assisted by Misses Maude Bulluck, Lucile Green, Rosabelle Kirkham and Mary Owen Green.

A literary and musical programme was observed during the evening as follows:

Solo—"Poupii Valsante".....Miss Julia Post
Recitation—"How Brer Simon Got Er 'Ligion".....Miss Mattie Maultsby
Solo—"Good Night Little Girl, Good Night".....Mrs. Jos. W. Yates
Selection .....Earl King
Descriptive Reading of Same.....Miss Mary Houston
Piano Solo.....Miss Lucile Green

Following the programme refreshments were served in delightful manner by Mrs. Mit Moore and a committee of assistants.

In the afternoon from 3:30 until 6 o'clock several teams in the basket ball league of the Association played a number of interesting and exciting contests, which were enjoyed by quite a gathering of admirers of the sport. The games were under the direction of Prof. Burkhardt, the physical director.

Collegians Versus Y. M. C. A.

A "return" game of basketball between the all-college team and the Y. M. C. A. will be played in the Association gymnasium this evening, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The all-collegians will line up with B. Newkirk, centre; B. Houston and R. Houston, forwards; J. Wilkinson and W. VonGlahn, guards; J. Brinkley, substitute. For the Association team H. Stephens will play centre; B. Thees and L. Hanson, forwards; R. K. Rutledge and R. S. McClellan, guards, with B. McKoy, substitute. An admission of ten cents will be charged and a good game is promised. There will be a preliminary game between the Y. M. C. A. Juniors and the Cubs. All are invited.

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THE COOMBS MEETING.

Gifted Evangelist and Fine Soloist at the Christian Church.

Evangelist J. V. Coombs, of Kansas City, and his soloist and chorus director, Prof. Eduard McKinney, arrived yesterday from Richmond, Va., and last evening at the First Christian Church, on Dock street, began a series of revival meetings, assisting the pastor, that will continue indefinitely. In the services last night both Mr. Coombs and his soloist captured the congregation, which was large and responsive. The evangelist's subject was "The Three Kingdoms of Time" and this was developed with great power and earnestness. Mr. Coombs is a strong, magnetic man and his meetings here give great promise of arousing a religious awakening in the community. Prof. McKinney in the initial service proved himself a gifted soloist and musical director and will add greatly to the spirit of revival that is already manifest in the church.

Tonight the evangelist will hold a mass meeting for children and all young people are cordially invited. Sunday morning his theme will be the "Power of Love" and at 3 P. M. there will be a special meeting for women. At night the regular service will be held, subject, "Christ in History, Art and Heart."

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcement by Wilmington Pastors For Services Tomorrow.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Front and Queen streets, Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor: Services at 11 A. M., and 7:30 P. M., tomorrow, Sunday School at 3 P. M. Mid-week service Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend any or all of these services.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, corner of Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor: Sabbath services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3:30 P. M. W. C. E. Society at 7 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public is cordially invited. Seats free.

First Presbyterian Church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor: Services tomorrow, Sunday, at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 4 P. M. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:00. Seats free. Strangers welcome at all services.

Two Schooners Yesterday.

The British schooner Rothesay, Capt. Phipps, arrived in port yesterday from New York light to receive a cargo of lumber from the S. & W. H. Northrop Lumber Company, for the West Indies. The schooner Joel F. Sheppard, Capt. Sheppard, which discharged cargo of fertilizer to the Seaboard Air Line, cleared yesterday for Belfast, Ga., for a cargo of lumber for northern markets. The vessels were by C. D. Maffitt.

The New Year
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In every paper you pick up you will see where some good man has just died with this fearful disease pneumonia. Now we will give you one hundred dollars for any case of pneumonia that it fails to cure in your family, if you will use goose grease liniment as directed. It only costs you 25 cents a bottle, get it you have nothing to lose and all to gain, we know there are thousands who will read this and throw it aside and in a few days will be down with the disease. Please just get one bottle and put it away until you need it. If you haven't the money to buy it let us know and we will send you bottle free.

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Humpty Dumpty Stockings for boys and girls at 15c and 25c a pair.

Men's Holeproof Socks, per pair 25c

Buster Brown Shoes for boys and girls.

Boys' Rain Coats, just arrived, 1909 style. Neat dark grey patterns, beautiful coat, price.....$5.00

Sweet-orr Working Men's Pants, all sizes, Union made, guaranteed not to rip, per pair.....$1.50

Coats to match, same prices.....$1.50

Sweet-orr Overalls, the best of all makes, price $1.00

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Now Is the Time to Advertise in The Morning Star

THEATRE FIRE AT ERIE

Firemen Keep Audience in Ignorance and Show Continued While the Building Burned—Many Had Narrow Escapes.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Erie, Pa., Jan. 1.—"Keep the show going for God's sake," called Abraham Louch, fireman of the Park Opera house, to the performers on the stage at 10:15 o'clock tonight when he discovered that the building was on fire. His cool head probably averted a repetition of Chicago's Iroquois theatre horror, for before the big audience realized the situation the house had been almost emptied.

Although there were many narrow escapes and a dozen women fainted and had to be carried out no one was seriously injured and much of the building was saved from destruction. Every one of the 1,500 seats in the theatre was filled. Louch saw smoke issuing from the floor of the gallery and sent in a still alarm. He quietly appealed to the actors to continue the act. Then he stepped to the front and called to the audience to file out in order, giving them to understand that the fire was in an adjoining structure.

No one tried to crowd until smoke began to fill the building. Then a crash began. The fire department saved scores from jumping out of the third story fire escapes by getting ladders up.

In the front seats of the balcony were many women and children and several overcome by fright, fainted and were carried out.

Fire Chief McMahon expressed amazement that the house was emptied without factality in view of the fact that standing room tickets had been sold.

The fire is believed to have originated from defective electrical wiring between the ceiling of the balcony and the floor of the gallery.

MR. ROBERT W. SMITH DEAD.

Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon at His Home in This City.

Mr. Robert W. Smith, a well known Wilmington citizen and a finished workman, esteemed by all who knew him passed away yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at his home on Orange street. The news will come with regret to many friends and the sympathy of a host of friends will go out to the sorrowing ones in their bereavement.

Mr. Smith would have been 67 years of age the 30th day of the present month and had lived in Wilmington nearly all his life, following his profession of machinist and engineer until he retired from active service to look after his real estate interest. His wife preceded him to the grave on the 9th of October. He was a devoted husband and a good citizen, just and honorable in all his dealings. With those whom he came in contact, the kindness of his heart and his substantial benefaction characterized his life. When but a boy he joined the Methodist church and gave to it the full strength of his mind and heart. He has no near relatives living. The funeral will be conducted from the residence, 901 Orange street, at 4 P. M. today, thence to Fifth Street M. E. Church and Bellevue where the interment will be.

The King of Italy has sent to King Edward a telegram expressing his warm thanks for the noble work and charity of the officers and sailors of the British warships towards the earthquake sufferers.

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GERMAN AT WHITEVILLE

A Pretty Leap Year's Sociable Given Thursday Evening.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Whiteville, N. C., Jan. 1.—A Leap Year german was given in the court house last evening, attended by quite a party of young ladies and gentlemen of Whiteville and the event was one of the prettiest of the Christmas sociables.

Among those present to enjoy the pretty affair were: Misses Annie Memory, Iola Baldwin, Pauline Toon, Alma and Ella Maultsby, Bessie Richardson, Sue and Jane Powell, Agnes and Mary Council, Maggie Baldwin, Pearl Fields, Sarah Burkhead, Lois Williams, Lillian Dixon, Jessie Smith, Ilene Smith, Beatrice Carter, Lela Patterson, Bessie Powell, Mrs. Donald Richardson and Messrs. H. L. Lyon, C. L. Ross, Clyde Council, Martin Schulken, B. F. Baldwin, F. M. Smith, June Parks, John Carter, W. B. and L. E. Harelson, J. R. Maultsby, James Best, Jason Harrison, J. A. Baldwin, Jr., Price Williamson, Wayland Williamson, T. A. O'Berry, E. S. Memory, E. L. Smith, and Gale Burkhead.

A VOLCANO AT SEA

Also Area of Boiling Water Off the Georgia Coast.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 1.—A volcano at sea and a field of boiling water the coast off the coast of Georgia are among the phenomena which British officers have reported to the hydrographic office here. While the British steamer Baltic was headed towards this coast on December 13th in latitude 51.14 and longitude 21 first officer Landmary observed what he reported as an eruption apparently 20 miles distant to the westward, resembling a volcanic action. The disturbance lasted but a few seconds.

The British steamer Lord Dufferin on December 18th passed an area of boiling water less than 200 miles off the Southern coast according to the Captain's report.

COAST LINE PIER BURNED

Destroyed by Fire in Baltimore—Caused Loss of $200,000.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Baltimore, Jan. 1.—Pier No. 1 of the Atlantic Coast Line formerly known as the Baltimore Storage and Lighterage pier, at Canton, a suburb, was burned today together with contents consisting of 30,000 packages of imported merchandise, such as crockery, matting and other household goods. Seven railroad barges also were damaged.

The total loss is about $200,000 and it may be greater. The merchandise was in bond awaiting customs inspection.

WARM WIRELETS.

Mary Evelyn Moore Davis, the popular Southern authoress, and wife of Major Thomas Edward Davis, editor of the Picayune, died in New Orleans yesterday. Major and Mrs. Davis have also lived at various times in Virginia and Texas.

San Francisco has responded quickly and generously to the call for aid from stricken Italy. The total of contributions made in two days is $76,720 and to this sum additions are being made every hour. A collection for the earthquake sufferers will be taken up in all the Catholic churches next Sunday.

Why is Sugar Sweet?

If sugar did not dissolve in the mouth you could not taste the sweet. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic, but you do not taste the bitter because the ingredients do not dissolve in the mouth, but do dissolve readily in the acids of the stomach. Is just as good for Grown People as for Children. The First and Original Tasteless Chill Tonic. The Standard for 30 years, 50c.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers in The Morning Star, especially those using yearly contracts, are earnestly requested in future to furnish us with copy for their changes for the Sunday edition certainly not later than Saturday at one o'clock. Where large space is used, copy for changes should be furnished not later than Friday afternoon, this not only for the convenience of the office but because in handing in early copy, patrons receive a more artistic display of their announcements and fare much better as to position in the paper on the day that the advertisement appears. The Star would very much dislike to make any arbitrary ruling as to the lateness which advertisements would be received in change of copy, but the tendency with so many advertisers recently has been to put off the matter until the latest moment Saturdays and Saturday nights that it has been impossible to give them the care and attention which patrons have a right to expect and several times changes have had to be deferred altogether. We believe that this notice will be sufficient with most advertisers to assist us in the present dilemma of an overrun of changes on Saturday, especially at night.

Cook's tourist agency learns from Naples that it is almost certain that no English or American tourists were injured through the destruction of the Hotel Trinacria at Messina and it is believed that no English or Americans were staying at the Hotel Bellevue, which also was destroyed at that place.

The Only Explanation.

Old Mrs. Smith was a chronic complainer and was constantly sending for the family physician and giving him a list of her fancied ailments. He always listened quite patiently, but was getting a little tired of hearing the same things over and over.

One day when the old lady considered herself in an unusually bad way she sent for the doctor and, after going over the usual list, ended by saying: "Really, doctor, I do not know what in the world is wrong with me. I can neither lay nor set."

The doctor looked at her a moment, then said in a solemn tone, "Madam, you must be a rooster."—Kansas City Independent.

Wanted Something Quicker.

Some few years ago I issued a policy on the life of a man who was far from being a model husband. I called for the premium every week and rarely got it without a grumble from the wife. The last time I called she said: "I ain't going to pay you any more. There's Mrs. Smith only had her old man in M.'s society three months, and he's dead, and she's got the money. I'm going to put my old man in that, so you needn't call again."—Liverpool Mercury.

Flattered Him.

"I feel sure Miss Smith is in love with you," said a lady to her brother.

"Do you? It sounds too good to be true."

"Well, I heard her say yesterday that plainness in a man is not really a fault, but a sign of character."

How is Your Digestion?

Mrs. Mary Dowling of No. 228 8th Ave., San Francisco, recommends a remedy for stomach trouble. She says: "Gratitude for the wonderful effect of Electric Bitters in a case of acute indigestion prompts this testimonial. I am fully convinced that for stomach and liver troubles Electric Bitters is the best remedy on the market today." This great tonic and aterative medicine invigorates the system, purifies the blood and is especially helpful in all forms of female weakness. 50c at Robt. R. Bellamy's drug store.

Penguin Battles.

The penguin, a notable diver among sea birds, wins his mate by right of conquest. The male birds fight for the possession of the females. These curious birds have regular duel grounds, where relics of innumerable combats in the shape of feathers lie scattered about. In the center is the fighting arena, clear of all debris. The penguins' feathers and blubber form an efficient shield against their opponents' beaks, so the weapon used is the short flipper, the only wings the birds possess. The fight begins with the two combatants walking round each other waiting for an opportunity to grip. Once this is done the flippers come into play. The fighters shower blow after blow upon each other. There is no record as to how these fights end, but it is a safe supposition to say that they are seldom fatal. The force of the blow from a penguin's flipper is such that three or four of them will draw blood from the human hand.

How Models Make Pictures.

The artist gazed in rapture on "The Kiss," his latest picture.

"Do you grasp," he said, "the passionate grace of the girl's attitude, the warmth and the power wherewith her tense white arms draw the young man closer, ever closer? Well, I got that idea from my model, a shopgirl.

"But for my model's suggestion I'd have put the girl in a stiff, cold pose, and the picture would never have been the masterpiece it is. But my model pointed out to me the abandon wherewith a girl, whether of high or low station, gives herself up to a kiss' charm. She illustrated the thing, aided by a male model, a young medical student. Yes, she made my picture.

"The fact is, models make, with their valuable hints and suggestions, lots of pictures. There's many a masterpiece whose merit is due to the splendid pose that the model originated for the principal figure."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Burma's Popular Sports.

A form of speculation very popular in Burma is bull racing. A certain native sportsman is the owner of one of these bulls, for which he has refused an offer of 10,000 rupees. It has won several races and is looked after and as carefully tended as a Derby favorite. The owner values it at 25,000 rupees, and, it is said, it brings him an annual income of from 12,000 to 15,000 rupees. It is carefully guarded by four men lest it may be got at and "doctored."

Burmans also patronize boxing eagerly, but the art can scarcely be practiced according to Queensberry rules, for we are told by a provincial reporter that he has observed that "even the best boxers strike out with their eyes tightly shut, and if they do hit each other it is more by chance than anything else."—Calcutta Statesman.

The Wrong Lady.

Some young idlers had been enjoying the fun of hailing passing shopgirls with rather doubtful compliments, and from some of the answers returned it was evident that not all of those addressed were taking things kindly. Presently one of the older boys, seeing it was going too far, spoke up. "Look a' here now, fellers," he added, "youse might think youse is wise guys an' all that, but just keep on an' the wrong lady'll come along, an' she'll break yer face, see?"—Argonaut.

A Parthian Shot.

"Even though you are my brother's son I am obliged to discharge you. But I am sorry for your mother's sake."

"Oh, that's all right, sir. Mother says she don't see how I've put up with you as long as I have."—Judge.

About Eggs.

In a hen's egg only one-fifth of the substance is nutritious, one-ninth part is refuse, and the remainder, the greater portion, is water.

White shelled eggs are not quite as good as yellow ones, for they contain a trifle more water and a little less fat. But your purveyor knows this and frequently colors his white eggs with coffee.

Judged by the amount of nutriment, a goose's egg is the most valuable. Next in order are ducks', guinea fowls', hens', turkeys' and plovers'. Eggs contain a large quantity of sulphur, which is purifying to the blood and good for the complexion.

To get the best egg you must feed your fowl on grain, and to cook it in the most digestible way you must not boil the water. Heat the water to 180 degrees and leave the egg in it for ten minutes. You will then digest every morsel. But if you boil it for three minutes no less than one-twelfth of it will fail to be digested. Thus if you eat two eggs boiled for three minutes every day you waste five dozen in a year.—London Mail.

The Leopard and the Pan.

One day a worthy Kulu housewife came out from her cooking and, standing on the ledge of rock at her door, emptied a pan of boiling water into the rank herbage growing below. It fell, splash, on the back of a sleeping leopard, who jumped perpendicularly into the air as high as the roof of the hut. What might have happened next? Who can say? But the astonished woman dropped the pan with a clang upon the rock, and the leopard took one leap downhill. The pan followed, and the leopard's downward leaps became longer and swifter as the pan bounded after it from rock to rock.

When last seen the leopard had just achieved a leap of about 350 feet to the very bottom of the ravine, thousands of feet below, and the pan had whirled about 500 feet over it on the opposite side. The leopard would have eaten the old woman with pleasure, but a pan which first scalded half the hide off him and then bounded clanging in his wake from the top of the Himalayas to the plains below was something which he could not face.—London Chronicle.

A Mexican Tradition.

"Boys, what's the matter? Fever? Die, then; die, then." That's the song the doves sing down in old Mexico when a native has penumonia, and almost invariably he lies down, refuses to swallow the medicine prescribed by the physician, resigns himself to his fate and in a few weeks he dies. The dove, however, sings the song in Spanish. It is a tradtiion among the Mexicans that once the fever accompanying an attack of pneumonia seizes them it is necessarily fatal, and because of this all medicine and all physicians are refused and the Mexican usually dies. The dove brings the story of death in its weird cooing, according to the belief of the natives, and many who have been seized with the fever who otherwise might have recovered have succumbed owing to their belief in the tradition. That is the reason, it is said, why penumonia is fatal to so many Mexicans.—New York Herald.

Cost of Courtesy.

The adage "Courtesy costs nothing" would if true offer sufficient reason to insure its observance by practically every member of the commercial community, it being fairly obvious to most of us that courtesy is an excellent lubricant for the machinery in business. To be always courteous in business, however, requires a very considerable expenditure of mental effort, which very few of us are capable of sustaining at all times.—Magazine of Commerce.

STOPS ANY ITCHING.

Doan's Ointment Cures Eczema and Itching Piles. Wilmington People Recommend It.

One application of Doan's Ointment stops itching. Short treatment cures eczema, itching piles, salt rheum—any skin eruption or skin itching. It is the cheapest remedy to use, because so little of it is required to bring relief and a cure. Here is Wilmington testimony to prove it:

H. Cronenberg, protographer, 119 1-2 Market St., Wilmington, N. C., says: "I suffered a great deal from a rash which appeared on various parts of my body. It itched constantly and I did not dare to rub it as that only made it worse. No one can imagine the suffering I endured. It tried everything that was recommended to me only to be disappointed with the results. When someone told me about Doan's Ointment, I was impressed in its favor and got a box at Robert R. Bellamy's drug store. I immediately began its use and received the first relief that I had had for a long time and during the time which has passed, I have never had a return of the annoyance. I have recommended Doan's Ointment to several others, believing it is the best remedy of its kind."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name — Doan's — and take no other.

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is the beginning of a regular interest period at The People's Savings Bank, Deposit now and you will get your interest in Three months. 3t.

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STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to your Place of Business or Residence for Advertisements for our Business Locals Department. 'Phone the Star office, No. 51.

Rates—25 cents for each insertion of twenty-five words, or less. Additional words, more than twenty-five, one cent per word in advance.

The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for Notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charges for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for Advertisements always call the Star office, 'Phone 51.

FOR SALE—Fox hound, five years old. Well broke and a dandy. A dog that will please anyone; price $25. Apply to Archie McLean, Rowland, N. C. ja 2-1t*

WANTED—Young lady to travel and assist in showing samples; no canvassing; answering give description and age. Address L., care Star. ja 2-1t.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT—By investing in attractive real estate. We have fine building sites on Carolina Heights, St. James' Square and elsewhere and improved property on Market street. Smith & Lord, Real Estate & Insurance, 114 Princess street, 'phone 766. ja 1-tf

$3,000 WILL BUY an elegant lot 66 front and 165 feet deep on Market street. Property increasing in value every month. Has two dwellings on it now. Call and see me at once. James Owen Reilly, Real Estate and Insurance. ja 1-3-2t.

A BEAUTIFUL RESIDENCE for sale in fine order; has nine rooms. Lot 66 feet by 165 feet deep. Property located in the most desirable part of city. Can be bought for $6,200 cash or on time. Apply to James Owen Reilly, Real Estate and Insurance. ja 1-3-2t.

LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE by Francis J. Fluno, M. D., C. S. D., member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church. The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., Tuesday evening, Jan. 5th, at 8:30 o'clock; Academy of Music. Admission Free. Public cordially invited. ja 1-4t.

THE GILBERT HOUSE—Combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets; junction of all cars. Cars to depot. Steam heat, electric light and hot water. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Transient $1.25 to $1.50 per day. Rates to regular and table boarders. oct 25 tf

FOR SALE—One sorrel horse, weighing 1,400 pounds, 7 years old; well broke, kind and gentle, sound in every way. Will sell or exchange for two smaller horses. This horse too large for our purpose. Address C. H. Faircloth, Clinton, N. C. dec 11 4w

DELMONICO CAFE—Blue Point oysters on half shell and quail on toast. de 1-1m

UPHOLSTERING, repairing, varnishing, at 114 1-2 Dock street. 'Phone No. 1465. Carolina Upholstering Company, P. J. Breen, manager. de 6 tf

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St. Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 713. sep 22-tf

PHOTOGRAPHS and enlargements of every description, done in an artistic and permanent manner. The U. C. Ellis Studio. de 31-tf.

WANTED—Two barbers, $12 a week; sixty per cent. over twenty. J. D. Lorenz, Goldsboro, N. C. de 29 3t

MECHANICS' HOME ASSOCIATION—New series B. & L. stock. Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary. de 18 tf ex su

FOR RENT—From January 1st, 1909, two stores at corner Nutt and Red Cross straets at present occupied by Mr. A. Rothschild. Apply to Martin O'Brien. de 27-2t*

FOR SALE—A four-room cottage, in center of city on car line. Has gas, water, electric lights and telephone. Splendid neighborhood. Address "B. S. W." care of Star office. noc 25-tf.

FOR RENT QUICK—30-acre farm, good house, barn, fruit trees and vines, on Shell road, three miles from the city. Address P. O. Box 906, Wilmington, N. C. de 24-6t.

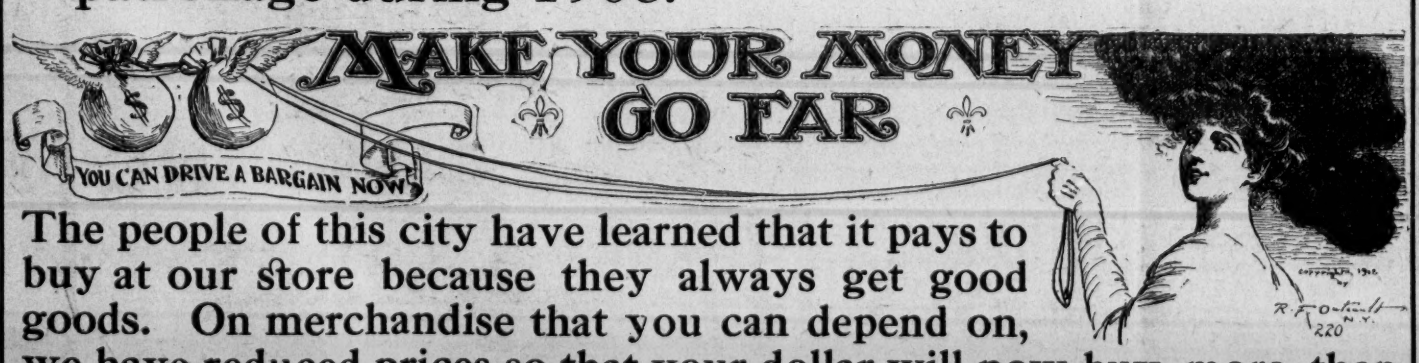
LUMBER AT RETAIL—Grades and prices right. See us before buying. Angola Lumber Co aug 30 tf

THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-tf.

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

"The Store That's Always Busy."

With compliments of the season, we wish to thank our friends and patrons for their liberal support and patronage during 1908.



The people of this city have learned that it pays to buy at our store because they always get good goods. On merchandise that you can depend on, we have reduced prices so that your dollar will now buy more than a dollar's worth to you. Instead of packing away goods until next year we will sell them at short prices that will make your money go a long way.

Blankets and comforters reduced. Suits and cloaks reduced. Skirts and waists reduced. Underwear reduced.

Showing Spring Goods—During this week we will display our new embroideries, white goods and wash goods. Be among the first to see them.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Goldsboro Argus: Senator F. M. Simmons, on his way to Washington, after spending the Christmas holidays on his fine farm in Jones county, passed through the city today.

—Newbern Journal: The beautiful silver punch bowl presented to the Daughters of the Confederacy by the Massachusetts veterans and State officials, is on exhibition in Mr. S. H. Eaton's show window, and attracts a good deal of attention.

—Charlotte Chronicle: Before 1909 passes, Charlotte will be laying undisputed claim to the finest club building in the South. It will be the new home of the Southern Manufacturers' Club, a social and business organization whose strength is recognized from New York to San Francisco.

..—Concord Tribune: It is quite probable that the Woodmen Band will furnish music for the inaugural of Governor Kitchin. The Concord bands have furnished music for this occasion for the last two inaugurations, and being the best band in the State it is quite probable that it will be secured for the coming event in January.

—Greensboro Record: That wreck on the Southern Railway last evening six miles this side of Danville was the first real disastrous wreck with loss of life that has occurred on that road in some time. It was caused by forgetfulness; the man at the switch forgot to close it after letting a train in. A billion dollars awaits the man who can invent a scheme to keep a man from forgetting.

—Tarboro Southerner: The court house Tuesday evening was nearly filled with citizens of the town to discuss changes in the town charter and other matters. Mayor Jones presided and stated that he had named in the call a number of questions to be considered, but that this did not confine the discussion to them, for the town officials wanted advice on all matters that concerned the good of the town.

—Lexington Dispatch: The brandy makers of Davidson will not feel the force of prohibition, anyway not for some time to come, until the supply is soaked up. And there must be hundreds, and perhaps thousands of gallons of applejack lying back for the future, for last summer there was fruit in abundance, and from 15 to 20 stills run all the time. Many a lover of the juice of the apple and peach has barrels of it reserved against the season of dry weather that is at hand.

—Newbern Journal: A competitive examination was held at the Newbern Academy yesterday of candidates for appointment to scholarships at West Point Military school. Prof. H. B. Craven of the city schools and Professor S. M. Brinson, County Superintendent, held the examination. Only three applications were filed, all three passed and the appointment will be made by Congressman Thomas, January 12th. The following are the lucky young gentlemen. Mr. F. S. Skinner, of Beaufort; Mr. Henry M. Groves, Jr., of Newbern, and Mr. W. T. Dortch, of Goldsboro.

—Salisbury, Dec. 31.—That Salisbury is to have a competing street car line in the near future is regarded as more than a possibility by the men behind the project. A quantity of steel rails and other material have already been delivered to the new company now being organized and it is said that work will begin on the construction of a new line from the public square to the Yadkin Valley Fair grounds early in January. City Engineer Webb is now establishing the grades for the new line, the first link of which will be about three miles long.

—Laurinburg Exchange: Mr. Dan McArn, a young man born and raised in this county, but who has been living in Florida for some years, was killed Christmas day; after which he was brought here and buried at Southerland's graveyard Monday. Mr. McArn was to have been married the very day he was killed, and his mother had gone down there in order to be present at the marriage. It will be remembered that a few years ago he was terribly injured by a train on the Coast Line Railway, and it was while in the hospital that he met the young lady who later promised to become his wife.

—Washington, N. C., Dec. 31.—News was brought to this city yesterday of the murder of a negro girl on the public road between this city and Greenville just over the Pitt county border line Monday afternoon. The negro girl was about 17 years of age and was shot by a negro boy of about the same age. Acording to reports two colored girls and the boy "Price" were walking along the road when without any warning whatever, Price raised his gun and fired a load of bird shot directly in the face of the girl, killing her instantly. The other girl fled and has not been found, the boy also escaped but later was captured and taken to the town of Greenville and lodged in jail. Motive for the crime is unknown.

—Dr. A. J. McKelway, of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of North Carolina, secretary of the Southern States of the National Child Labor Committee, is a visitor to Raleigh. Dr. McKelway is one of a hundred well known American leaders in philanthropical movements whom President Roosevelt has invited to a conference to be held in Washington City January 25th and 26th. This conference, composed of people interested in child saving work and all kinds of care of delinquent and dependent children, interested in the child saving cause, will study the problem of childhood and much good is expected from their efforts. Dr. McKelway has already rendered the South a high service in saving much of its human "seed corn" for nobler purposes than to torn mind and body in the factories and mills.

OLDEST IN YEARS—HIGHEST IN HONORS
MOST WIDELY USED

Baker's Cocoa

A good housekeeper says: "All the early years of my life were spent in the tropics of India; and in the many English and American homes with which I was familiar Baker's Cocoa was almost universally used. Since coming to this country I have experimented with other makes, but have put them all aside for Baker's, which seems so much more acceptable."

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Ever shown in this city.
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Prices to suit everybody.
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HARDWARE.

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Turkeys, Chickens, Nice Oysters

Tomatoes, Lettuce and Celery, Best of Meats, Fruits and Vegetables of every variety to be found, for your Old or New Year's Dinner at city prices.

We want your business. We keep the best.

Palace Market
Phone 72.

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REMOVAL

Ed. Guion, the Barber, has removed to 121 Market street, where he will be pleased to see all of his old customers and many new ones.

GUION, The Barber.

Read the Business Locals

Send Your Orders
—TO—
Southern Distilling Company
(Formerly of Wilmington, N. C.)

All orders shipped same day received, and carefully packed in plain package.

WRITE FOR PRICE LIST.

P. O. Box 831. 115 Commercial Place.

NORFOLK, VA.

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BOSTON & MAINE RAILROAD
Claim Department
W. A. Barker, Claim Agt.

Boston, Dec. 23rd 1908.

J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co., Wilmington, N. C.
Gentlemen:—

During a recent business trip to Wilmington I was troubled quite a little with constipation. I bought at your store a small bottle of Pink Pellets and I have never used anything that has acted so nicely on my stomach as they did. I have tried in several drug stores in Boston to find some like them but have been unsuccessful; consequently I write to you and enclose $1.00. Will you kindly mail me that amount in the little Pellets and greatly oblige,

Very truly yours
(Signed) W. A. BARKER.

N. B.—The above is a true copy of original letter we are in receipt of and needs no comment from us to an intelligent public—except that if you have any stomach, liver, or bowel trouble Pink Pellets will accomplish results. Good for man, woman or child.

J. HICKS BUNTING DRUG CO.
FRONT AND GRACE STREETS.
"The Store That Has Everything Anybody Else Has and Some Things Nobody Else Has."

THE
Southern National Bank
Extends its greetings to its patrons, and wishes all a happy Christmas.

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Successors to Willard & Giles Co.

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How Much More Money

will you have a year from now? The best way to accumulate it is to save it.

The best way to save it is to take some of the new shares that The Wilmington Homestead & Loan Association will put on the market Saturday, January 2nd.

Your savings will be more than safe. Your interest more than ordinary. It is the oldest B. & L. Association in Wilmington and has yet to lose its first cent.

Apply for stock to the president, Mr. J. G. Barentine; Vice President, Mr. H. C. McQueen; Secretary, Mr. C. C. Brown, or any director.

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BURRETT H. STEPHENS
Architect
and Consulting Engineer
406 Southern Building.

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FUN! FUN!! FUN!!!

Let no innocent man escape.

At the great Mock Court Trial under the auspices of the Young Men'h Christian Association, in the Academy of Music, on Thursday evening, January 7th.

One of our most respected citizens will be charged with the larceny of a PLYMOUTH ROCK ROOSTER. Regular Court Rules. Startling Developments. Ludicrous Situations. Local Hits. An evening of Refined Fun.

Prices, 50 cents.

Tickets on sale at Y. M. C. A. Office January 5th.

Open at 7:30. Court called at 8.

de 29-31 ja 2-3-5-6-7.

Star Business Locals Pay

Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Schedule effective November 29th, 1908. Subject to change without notice.

Direct and shortest line to the principal cities, South and Southwest, also connects at Hamlet with Vestibule Trains North.

Tickets for passage for all trains are sold by this Company and accepted by the passenger with the understanding that this Company will not be responsible for failure to run its trains on schedule time or for any such delays as may be incident to their operation. Care is exercised to give correct time of connecting lines but this Company is not responsible for errors or omissions.

TRAINS ARRIVE AT WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

No. 44 at 12:25 A. M. from Charlotte, Hamlet and local stations.

No. 40 arrives 12:20 P. M. from Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with No. 38 from Birmingham and Atlanta, No. 33 from Norfolk and Raleigh, No. 81 from New York and Washington, and all points North and South.

TRAINS LEAVE WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

	No. 45	No. 39.
Lv. Wilm't'n...	4:45 A. M.	3:00 P. M.
Ar. Lumb't'n...	7:11 A. M.	5:43 P. M.
Ar. Maxton....	7:52 A. M.	6:35 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet....	8:45 A. M.	7:30 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet....	9:05 A. M.	8:10 P. M.
Ar. Monroe....	10:50 A. M.	10:20 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte....	11:35 A. M.	11:30 P. M.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points North at Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham and Charlotte, with No. 84 for Washington and New York, No. 32 for Portsmouth, Norfolk and No. 43 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

For time-tables and any information apply to your nearest Ticket Agent or Call Phone No. 1294.

J. D. EDWARDS,
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F. A. FETTER,
Agent.
Phone 86, Wilmington, N. C.
C. H. Gattis,
Traveling Passenger Agent.
Raleigh, N. C.

Atlantic Coast Line

Schedule in Effect Sept. 7, 1908.

NOTICE.

The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48.	No. 42.
Lv. Wilmington ..	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Wilson	1:00 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount...	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon.....	4:55 pm	2:36 pm
Ar Norfolk	5:55 pm	
Ar. Petersburg....	7:00 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	5:10 am
Ar. Washington....	11:50 pm	8:40 am
Ar. Baltimore.....	1:41 am	10:00 am
Ar. Philadelphia...	4:21 am	12:18 pm
Ar. New York.....	7:23 am	2:45 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 43.
Lv New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar Philadelphia ...	11:37 am	12:15 am
Ar Baltimore	2:12 pm	2:51 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv Norfolk		8:25 am
Lv Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar Weldon.....	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar Rocky Mount ..	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar Wilson.....	11:47 pm	1:58 pm
Ar Goldsboro.....	6:15 am	3:00 pm
Ar. Wilmington ...	9:25 am	6:10 pm

BETWEEN ILMINGTON AND SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor..	9:05 am	7:20 pm	4:30 am
Ar Col'bia	12:25 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:15 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sa'n..	6:20 pm	2:10 am	9:54 am
Ar. Jk'ville		7 15 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		6:25 pm	12:15 am

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa.....	8:55 pm	7:00 am
Lv. Jacksonville...	8:55 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Savannah.....	1:05 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston.....	5:30 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia.....	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:15 pm	2:55 am
Ar. Wilmington....	12:45 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound Daily
Lv. Wilmington..	8:40 am	Ar 8:05 pm
Lv. Fayetteville.	12:10 pm	Ar 4:45 pm
Ar. Sanford.....	1:40 pm	Lv 3:30 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

	North-bound.	South bound
Lv. Wilmington..	3:20 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern ...	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

Trains No. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Pennsylvania R. R., for all points east.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect, Saturday, October 18, 1908.

TO

THE BEACH

FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30;, 7:00, 8:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00 8:30 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 10:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM WRIGHTSVILLE

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:20, 7:25, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 7:25, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 I. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 7:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:45, 10:45 A. M. 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

TO GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO FROM WILMINGTON

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, *2:25, 3:00, *3:45, 4:30 *5:05, 6:00, *6:05, 7:00, *7:05, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:25, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:30 A. M. *12:05, 1:00, *1:25, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:35, 7:46, 8:10, 8:40, 9:40, 11:10 A. M., 12:40, 2:10, *2:35, *3:55, 4:10, *5:15, 5:40, *6:15, 6:40, *7:15, 8:10, *9:15, 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:35, *9:15, 10:10, 11:10 A. M., *12:15, 12:40, *1:35, 2:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 5:40, 6:10, 7:10. 8:1 , 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

*"Carolina" Car, all others shown in above schedule marked "Beach."

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S. S. "Navahoe"...Saturday,, Jan. 9th.
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CLARK'S ELEVENTH ANNUAL CRUISE.
February 4th, '09.
71 days, by special chartered steamer, S. S. "Arabic" 4 mos. round the world Oct. 16, '09. F. C. CLARK, Times Bldg., N. Y.

WINTER SCHEDULE
Steamer Wilmington.
On and after Sunday, September 13th, steamer will leave daily at 9:30 A. M. for Southport returning leaves Southport at 2:30 P. M.
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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Jan. 1.

No local markets on account of holiday.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, December 29th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@75c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c; Virginia, prime 60@65c; extra prime 70@75c; Spanish, 75@80c.

CORN—Firm, 97 1-2c per bushel for white; 92 1-2@95 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, old 17c; shoulders 11 @12 1-2c; sides 12 1-2c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@35c for large springs; growns, dull, 35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dr. flint, 10; green, dull 7c. per pound.

IRISH POTATOES—New 80 and 90c per bushel.

SWEET—POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel for yams.

WOOL—Free of burr, 15c; burry wool 10 to 12c.

TURKEYS—On foot 12 to 13c; 14 to 18c dressed. Dull demand.

GEESE—Dull 50c per head; dressed 50c.

PORK—Good demand 6 to 8c; corn fed 8c for small pork.

MARINE

ARRIVED.

Br. schr. Rothesay, 280 tons, Phipps, New York, C. D. Maffitt.

CLEARED.

Schr. Joel F. Sheppard, Sheppard, Belfast, Ga., C. D. Maffitt.

Ger. str. Eriphia, Bellman, Colon, Panama, via Brunswick, Ga., Heide & Co.

Str. Carib, Devereaux, New York, H. G. Smallbones.

SAILED.

Br. str Saint Helena, Kelley, Bremen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

EXPORTS—FOREIGN.

Colon, Panama—Ger. str. Eriphia, 21,422 cross-ties, valued at $21,625; cargo by L. J. Merriman, vessel by Heide & Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port of Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Str. Cardigan (Br.) 2,689 tons, Davis, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Horace P. Shares, 392 tons, Flynn, C. D. Maffitt.

Millie R. Bohannan, 570 tons, Little, C. D. Maffitt.

Ada F. Brown, 1,294 tons, Wallace, C. D. Maffitt.

Joel F. Sheppard, 493 tons, Sheppard, C. D. Maffitt.

John H. May, 319 tons, Stille, C. D. Maffitt.

Kineo, 1,867 tons, Patton, C. D. Maffitt.

Rothesay, (Br.) 280 tons, Phipps, C. D. Maffitt.

POLICE DOG'S ERROR.

Arrests a Boy on Way to Turn in a Fire Alarm.

(From New York Herald.)

Thomas Lynch, a messenger boy of the Western Union Telegraph Company, discovered a fire in the cellar of No. 101 West 125th street early Wednesday, and with a companion ran to turn in an alarm. When Indian, a Belgian dog attached to the Harlem police station, saw the lad thus ruthlessly casting aside all the traditions of his calling by running, his suspicions were immediately arounsed.

One of the first duties of a well trained police dog is to run between fleeing legs and upset the owner of the legs. Indian has this accomplishment down to a nicety. He tripped up and brought down both boys with the dexterity and dispatch of a football warrior versed in flying tackles. Indian's next duty, according to the police dog's code of ethics, was to keep his quarry down until a policeman arrived. Several times Lynch attempted to arise, but was sent sprawling. Finally he got to his feet, but Indian took a grip on the messenger's trousers, only releasing his hold occasionally to throw the other boy and yelp for a policeman.

Policeman Winkleman arrived and induced Indian to cease his activity. The boys then told the policeman about the fire, and, thoroughly frightened, ran down into the subway station. Winkleman turned in the alarm and the blaze was extinguished with a loss of only $500.

OHIO SENATORIAL SITUATION

Theo. E. Burton and Chas. P. Taft Have Final Agreement.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Columbus, O., Dec. 30.—An unexplained, and it is believed, final turn was given the senatorial situation in this State tonight when Congressman Theodore E. Burton and Charles P. Taft, two of the candidates, held a long conference which did not adjourn until midnight. It was that an amicable settlement of the contest between the two was discussed and it is believed that a final agreement will be announced tomorrow. The adherents of Mr. Burton claim that the conference means the selection of their candidate and were jubilant tonight.

Watched Fifteen Years.

"For fifteen years I have wached the working of Bucklen's Arnica Salve; and it has never failed to cure any sore, boil, ulcer or burn to which it was applied. It has saved us many a doctor bill," says A. F. Hardy, of East Wilton, Maine. 25c at Robt. R. Bellamy's drug store.

The New Year.

is the beginning of a regular interest period at The People's Savings Bank, Deposit now and you will get your interest in Three months. 3t.

BURTON TO BE OHIO'S SENATOR

C. P. Taft Quits Race and Foraker Then Withdraws.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 31—Every vestige of opposition to his nomination having disappeared within the last 24 hours, Representative Theodore E. Burton, of Cleveland, a prominent figure in the lower branch of Congress for the past twenty years, will be named by acclamation for the United States Senate as successor to Joseph B. Foraker at a Republican caucus called for Saturday afternoon.

Following yesterday's midnight conference, C. P. Taft, of Cincinnati, brother of the President-elect, formally announced his withdrawal from the race today. Then came the deluge, Senator Foraker, learning that the delegation from his home county of Hamilton, pledged to Taft, would be turned over to Burton, admitted for the first time since the attacks were made upon him during the presidential campaign that he could no longer hope for re-election. Within two hours all the "favorite sons" and "dark horses" had been swept out of the field and Mr. Burton was left supreme.

Mr. Taft and Senator Foraker left for Cincinnati this afternoon on the same train. The other candidates, including Gen. Keifer and former Lieut. Gov. Harding, have gone to their respective homes.

Burton Will Serve Out Term.

The caucus of Saturday, so far as it has to do with the nomination for senator, will be a perfunctory affair. Mr. Burton's election will come on Tuesday, January 12. He will serve out his congressional term, ending March 4. As he was re-elected last fall a special election will be called in Cleveland soon after March 4 to determine his successor in the House of Representatives.

The fight for the Ohio senatorship this year will be written down as one of the most interesting in the history of the State, and its influence upon national politics, it is said, will be far-reaching. Today's floodtide of developments marked the passing from public life of one of the most notable of the old leaders of the Senate, Joseph Benson Foraker. Friends of the senator declared today the belief that he would so rehabilitate himself during the next two years as to be a formidable candidate for Senator Dick's place in 1911, but others among the State leaders were inclined to interpret Senator Foraker's statement of withdrawal in the nature of a valedictory.

"I tender my most heartfelt thanks," he said, "to all my friends who have so loyally stood by me during this trying contest. The recollection of their zeal and fidelity while struggling under such disadvantages as have attended us will always be cherished and appreciated."

There was talk today that C. P. Taft might again be a candidate in 1911, but Mr. Taft declared that he had no thought of what the future might hold for him, and did not desire his friends to strive to make a bargain.

Taken to Mean End of Dick

If jealously guarded georgraphical precedence is followed, the next Senator to be elected will be from the southern end of the State. This led some of the politicians to declare today that the naming of Mr. Burton means the retirement of Senator Dick in 1911, for, like the Cleveland congressman, he hails from the northern tier of counties, his home being at Akron. For similar reasons, it was said that ex-Governor Myron T. Herrick, who has frequently been mentioned as an opponent to Mr. Dick two years hence, must be eliminated.

As another outcome of the present fight, it was freely reported today that important changes may occur in the personnel of the State Republican organization. Mr. Taft's campaign up to the last few days was wholly in the hands of the organization leaders, and, while it is definitely known that the influence of the President-elect and of the White House at Washington was felt in the final solution of the problem, the friends of Mr. Taft declare that, with what he regarded as an equal chance to win, he sacrificed his ambition to become a senator as the result of the importunities of the organization leaders.

KILLED BY A DEER.

Peculiar Death of a Prominent Citizen of Beaufort County.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 1.—That F. R. Swindell was killed by a wounded deer was the verdict of the coroner's jury at the close of an investigation into the death of a prominent citizen of Beaufort county, whose body was found today in about three feet of water in a creek near the spot where he suddenly disappeared from a party of hunters Wednesday near Broad Creek. Hundreds of men had searched for two days for the missing man whose body was located by blood hounds in a mill pond, a large buck deer being found near him, wounded.

A number of cuts and bruises on the body and head of the man were found.

MATTHEUS DIES SUDDENLY

Recently Sentenced For Alleged Conspiracy While Treasurer

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Media, Pa., Dec. 30.—William L. Mattheus, former treasurer of Pennsylvania, died suddenly late today at his home here, aged 46 years. The cause of death was given by his physician as pneumonia, but it is generally believed that his illness was superinduced by Mr. Mattheus' tribulation, which were brought on him by the Harrisburg capitol graft cases, and his recent sentence of two years in the penitentiary for his part in the alleged conspiracy against the State.

—Greenville Reflector: Postmaster R. C. Flanagan advises us that beginning January 4th railway postoffice service will be established on Norfolk and Southern trains Nos. 14 and 15, operating between Raleigh and Washington.

Baggage! Baggage! Baggage! Checks given for each piece. Orrell Livery Co. 'Phone 47. de 31-4t.

THE PASSING OF JOHN BARLEY CORN.

(Charlotte Observer.)

As it is writ, on this fair morn,
January 1st, nineteen hundred and nine,
Anno Domini, in the year of our Lord,
John Barleycorn, Esquire, falls from his
High estate of legal recognition and
Becomes an outlaw, net.

No more, nowhere, in the Tar Heel State
Can he with gaudy chandelier and mahogany
Bar and cut glass gourds and mirrors French
And fine, allure the man with the reaching
Thirst to pause within and take a short
For the stomach's Ake—as St. Paul told
Timothy he ought to do.

No more, between the montains and the sea,
Can hope eternal spring in the bar keep's
Breast that maybe local option will again
Be tried.

Whiskey, beer, wine, gin, brandy, and
All the blends and shades of liquid fire
Have been told to step aside.

Tigers, blind as bats and with glass eyes
Must do the stunt sublime, must furnish
Moisture to subdue the parching thirst
Which sets men's tongues aflame.

Old John a long time tarried here
And left his mark upon fair brow and
Intellect of those who fought the
Booze and stood as artists in their line.

But, legally, he has gone. He is nonexistent,
Vanished, annihilated, put away, destroyed—
A reward is offered for his head—and yet,
D——n him, he will crouch in lane and alley.
Dark and deep; he will come up smiling
Here and there and everywhere, with
Hair uncombed and clothed in livery of
Every style.

But the great Moral Force of State
Shown by a majority of forty thousand
Men who paid their poll tax, has said
That he has gone. Enacted is the law;
And now if a man is mean enough to sell
Corn Likker to him who is athirst, it
Constitutes only a misdeamor, and I
Opine that more blind tigers and illict
Stills will now commence their grind, than
Were ever known since Noah planted grapes
And took on the Universal Jag.

But suppose 'tis true? The Moral Force
Has said "Nay, nay," and now if the
Immoral Force says back "Ay, 'ay,"
Why, what I want to know is, What
Are you going to do about it?

AL FAIRBROTHER.

AIR WARSHIP PLANNED.

Will be 700 Feet Long, Carry 100 Men, and Mount Guns.

(New York American.)

Lewis Nixon, the expert engineer and ship builder, announces plans to build the first real air warship in this country. It is to take form in the Nixon yards, under his supervision, and the Aerial Navigation Company of America, with a capital of $50,000,000, has been organized to furnish the money.

—"We expect to start the construction of the airship almost immediately," said Mr. Nixon. "It will be 700 feet long, with a diameter of 80 feet and passenger room for 100. Yes, we will mount some guns, but I am not at liberty to speak of them tonight.

"Besides its passengers and armament, the ship will be expected to carry food and fuel enough for a trip across the ocean.

"The ship will cost something more than $1,000,000. When completed it will probably weigh 140 tons. It has been most carefully thought out in every detail by Mr. Pennington—'Airship' Pennington, as he is known—and the shape of the vessel and the arrangement of the motive power and many other details are original with him. He has been at work on them for twelve years, and some of his patents on features of this ship were obtained twelve years ago.

"We have been working every day on the design for the ship. I have been asked to act as consulting engineer. Of the personnel of the company I know very little. Mr. Pennington mentioned the names of the directors, but I have forgotten them.

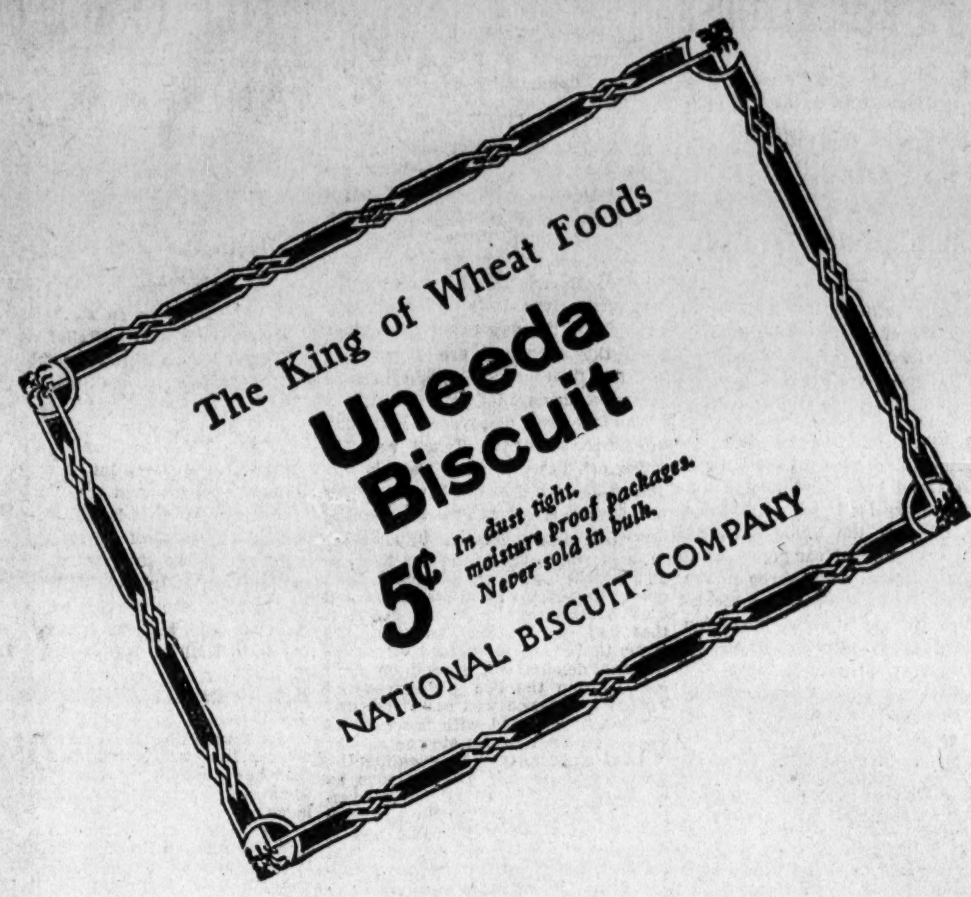
"Thurlow Weed Barnes, who has been in connection with Chinese railway operations, is mentioned as the president, but I really know nothing about the company itself except through Mr. Pennington. He told me that he had some very important and wealthy men in the directorate.

"There is no reason to doubt the perfect success of this ship. All of the principles involved in its construction have already been tested and found feasible. Of course it will involve a gas envelope.

"This envelope will be of silk or of the new type linen that has been found to be practical for this purpose, and it will be inclosed in one of steel or aluminum. In fact we decided upon aluminum at today's conference as the lightest and best for this purpose.

"Now, while all of the general principles of this ship are perhaps not new, most of the features are. There are many of the same general principles involved in the construction of an airship as of a water ship. In an airship, however, we must combine strength with lightness and stability.

"Passenger ships? Yes, sir; that is Mr. Pennington's plan, I believe. This company will not only build airships but it will construct aeroplanes and flying machines. Mr. Pennington, I know, foresees the airship as a passenger vessel, and it would not be surprising if ships to carry passengers will be realities in the not distant future."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STEALING FROM GOVERNMENT.

The Charge Against a Norfolk Livery Stable Keeper.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 1.—Martin L. Westbrook, a Portsmouth liveryman, arrested late yesterday upon the charge of directing the larceny of brass from the navy yard by the use of secret compartments in wagons used extensively in Government hauling, has been bailed in the sum of $2,500 with O. L. Williams, of Portsmouth, surety for his appearance before United States Commisioner Percy S. Stephenson at 4 P. M. Monday, January 4th.

Mr. Westbrook, it is declared, only hired his wagons in the yard and was not personally in charge of them while they were in Government service. There is said to be no evidence that Mr. Westbrook sold the brass. No brass was found in his possession.

A Mixup.

The householder smothered his wrath and descended to the basement.

"Are you the plumber?" he asked of the grimy looking individual who was tinkering with the pipes in the cellar.

"Yes, guv'nor," answered the man.

"Been long in the trade?"

"'Bout a year, guv'nor."

"Ever make mistakes?"

"Bless yer, no, guv'nor!"

"Oh, then, I suppose it's all right! I imagined you had connected up the wrong pipes, for the chandelier in the drawing room is spraying like a fountain, and the bathroom tap's on fire!"—London Answers.

The Wrong Girl.

After a whole year of married bliss a young man named Hahn, living at Volosca, Dalmatia, discovered that he had not married the girl he intended. When he proposed to her he mistook her for her twin sister, who so resembles her that they can scarcely be distinguished, and he did not realize his error until he began calling her by her Christian name instead of by the terms of endearment he had hitherto used.

Overlooked.

"I always distrust your judgment for some reason or other, John."

"Yes, and you have reason to. It serves me right"

"Why, I cannot remember you ever having done anything to justify such a distrust."

"Have you forgotten that I married you?"—Houston Post.

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Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends and patrons for the liberal patronage we have enjoyed, and we especially thank the little boys and and those who were interested in the bicycle contest, and we wish to announce the name of **Marion J. Smith,** son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Smith, as being the lucky winner of the bicycle, leading the contest with 2,281 votes.

Again thanking you for past favors, and trusting that we will enjoy your future patronage, and wishing for each of you a happy and prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of

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THE NEW YEAR AT WHITE HOUSE

The Annual Reception by The President and Official Family.

A MAGNIFICENT FUNCTION

Scene Made Brilliant by Uniforms of Members of Diplomatic Corps and of Officers of Army and Navy—6,000 Present.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—President Roosevelt and over 6,000 people representing every land and every State and Territory in the Union today exchanged happy New Year greetings at the White House. For three and a half hours the President stood receiving his guests and when the reception was ended last years record of attendance had been broken by over 700. Many men and women distinguished in the official and social life in Washington were present.

The brilliant court dress of members of the Diplomatic Corps gave a picturesque aspect to the annual function which throughout was marked by an absence of formality. The number of small children who were brought by their parents to shake hands with the President was unprecedented.

Contrary to the custom of recent years, Mrs. Roosevelt and the ladies of the Cabinet remained in the Red Room throughout the function.

A shadow of sadness was cast over the company by the recent terrible calamity which has fallen upon the Italian people, whose Ambassador was present as the dean of the Diplomatic Corps, and by the absence of the representatives of the Emperor of China, who is wearing a badge of mourning for the late Emperor and Dowager Empress of his country.

The first greetings of the day were extended to the President and Mrs. Roosevelt by the Vice President, members of the Cabinet and their ladies. These felicitations were exchanged in the private rooms on the second floor of the mansion.

When the Presidential party was gathering above, there was another assemblage in the State dining room on the first floor. There in the prescribed attire of their respective courts, weer the diplomatic representatives. The central figure in this company was Baron Edmondo Mayor des Planches, the Italian Ambassador.

When at the head of the line of Diplomats he passed into the Blue room President Roosevelt shook his hand and assured him of the sincere sympathy of the American people for his stricken countrymen. The mourning which also kept Special Ambassador Tong away, prevented Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Minister from attending.

The descent of the Presidential party from the private rooms to the Blue room, was one of the most picturesque features of the day. As the President and Mrs. Roosevelt started down the staircase, followed by others of the receiving party, a blare of trumpets sounded throughout the mansion. The marine band, in brilliant scarlet uniforms, was stationed in the stately hall. The strains of "Hail to the Chief" greeted the President as he reached the main floor and turned to enter the Blue room. The announcement of the callers was made to the President by Colonel Chas. S. Bromwell, U. S. A., and to Mrs. Roosevelt by Captain A. W. Butt, military aide to the President.

Chief Justice Fuller and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States led the entire judiciary present, after which came Senators and Representatives in Congress

Brigadier General J. Franklin Bell, Chief of Staff, led the army, which was very fully represented, all of the officers being in full dress uniform. The navy also was well represented.

The officials of the Government, representing all important bureaus of the various departments, were followed by representatives of various patriotic societies which had been given places of honor in the line.

Mrs. Fairbank and ladies of the Cabinet circle assisted Mrs. Roosevelt. A large number of ladies were invited to the Blue room.

Owing to the ideal weather conditions, the attendance of the general public was remarkably large. Scattered among them were a few dozen negries. The President enthusiastically greeted the public and not a single New Year wish was extended to him that was not returned. He especially welcomed a group of quakeresses who appeared in their tidy caps and gowns.

The exact number attending the reception was announced by the automatic counter to have been 6,053.

THE FIGHT OFF

The Hart-Schreck Prize Fight Called Off.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 1.—So far as Lexington is concerned, there will be no Hart-Schreck fight. The principals left town today with their managers. An effort will be made to arrange a match in New Orleans and negotiations will commence at once.

Joe Choynski, who was engaged to referee the fight has called off all bets.

Thomas Perkins, 69 years old, a member of the New York Cotton Exchange, died suddenly yesterday in his pew in the First Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, just after making a speech at the New Year's services.

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FIRE IN STEAMER'S HOLD

The Texas Puts Into Savannah River. Local Fire Engines and Tugs at Work on the Fire in Her Combustible Cargo.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 1.—With fire eating through her cargo of paper and carbides, the new freight and passenger steamship Texas, Captain Pederson, bound from Christiania, Norway, to Havana, Cuba, put into the Savannah river this morning, and throughout the day chemical engines from the Savannah fire department and fire fighting tugs fought to save the vessel from total loss.

The fire was discovered yesterday afternoon when the Texas was 100 miles off Tybee Light. Captain Pederson at once changed his course for the Savannah river, with the hatches down and steam pouring into the after-hold where the blaze was fiercest. The vessel's mate was brought from quarantine on a United States tug and took back with him to the steamer, that had come fifteen miles up the river, the chemical engines of the local fire department, loaded on lighters. When the fire was uncovered further assistance was called for and three tugs equipped with fire fighting apparatus went to the steamer.

After eight hours of struggling the fire was apparently as dangerous as at first. At intervals firemen, overcome by the fumes from the carbides, were carried out of the hold unconscious, while frequent explosions of carboys filled with carbides endangered the lives of those who remained.

The Texas carried 14 first-class passengers, including five women and three children, who were transferred to the United States harbor cutter Tybee and brought to Savannah. The Texas is of 5,500 tons burden and is on her maiden voyage. She was built in Bergen, Norway, and is owned by the Norway & Mexican Gulf Steamship Company.

The passengers were informed of the fire soon after its discovery, but there was no panic, though the passengers could see the smoke escaping from the hold. It is stated that the fire cannot be gotten under control for many hours, if at all. The loss up to 8 o'clock tonight was estimated at $10,000.

TAFT'S NEW YEAR DAY

Spent Quietly—To Have Calls From Representatives of Southern Cities.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 1.—A complete holiday from work was indulged in by the President-elect today. He was defeated at golf by Mr. Austin G. Fox, a New York lawyer. Henry W. Taft confessed a similar ending to his game. After the golf game, and the Taft family had lunched, with the exception of the President-elect who restricts himself to two meals a day, a long automobile ride was taken.

Mr. Taft was informed by wire today that $55,000 had been raised in Boston and turned over to the Red Cross to relieve distress in Italy. Another telegram announced the Christian Herald had raised $20,000 for like disposal.

Mr. Taft said tonight that he had made no Cabinet progress and had nothing to announce in that connection.

Miss Helen Taft, only daughter of the President-elect and Mrs. Taft, tonight assisted Mrs. Landon Thomas at her reception which was held in the pavilion of the country club. This was the first participation in social affairs of the young lady.

A delegation, three hundred strong, from Birmingham, Ala., is expected here tomorrow to urge Mr. Taft to visit that city. The chances are that the delegation will go away disappointed so far as a visit is concerned.

Another delegation is coming from Athens, and the local chamber of commerce will endeavor to persuade the President-elect to allow a function to be arranged for him before he departs.

Rev. C. T. Walker, a negro, got Mr. Taft to say he would try and address the negro Y. M. C. A. here before he leaves Augusta.

A delegation from Aiken called on Mr. Taft today to get him to meet Governor Ansel when he visits that city. Mr. Taft could not promise.

A MYSTERIOUS HOMICIDE.

Two Men Killed in Same Room and in Same Way.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Colonial Beach, Va., Jan. 1.—Commonwealth Attorney Baker announced today that he would demand a searching investigation of the death of Charles T. Henry, a Spanish war veteran, who was found dead last Saturday morning in the same room and shot in the same way as was John Vogt, a baker, last April. Both men were found shot through the right temple with the same revolver in the home of Mrs. Annie Vogt, the baker's wife. The coroner's jury was unable to agree on a verdict and the papers were turned over to the Commonwealth's Attorney.

When Vogt was found dead his hands were folded across his chest and the revolver lay on his stomach. Vogt and his wife, the latter an attractive woman about 32 years old, conducted a bakery at this place. A week after Vogt's death Henry moved from the hotel here to the Vogt home and attended to part of the work in the Vogt bakery.

Clarence Dent, and Luther Dent, aged 18 and 19 years respectively, the sons of Robert Dent, of Roanoke, were drowned yesterday in Roanoke river near Roanoke. The two brothers with a third brother were fording the stream in a wagon when the swift current swept the horses from their feet.

The New Year

is a fitting time to begin saving, open an account with The People's Savings Bank, and you will get your interest in Three months. 3t

SEVERE SHOCKS ADD TO HORRORS

Complete Ruin of Buildings and Terrify The Survivors.

VICTIMS IN COAST TOWNS

Half of Population on Both Sides of Strait Were Killed—Relief Work Carried on With Dispatch. Lipari Islands Safe.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Rome, Jan. 1.—What chiefly concerns the government and the people is the progress that is being made towards the relief of those who have suffered by the dreadful earthquake in Southern Italy and Sicily. Considerable advance in this respect has been made at Messina where, according to official reports received here, the supply service is beginning to work satisfactorily. Different regions on the coast have been allotted to various warships and other ships as centres from which torpedo boats and launches convey and distribute rations and water to the different villages.

The minister of justice has wired from Messina to Premier Giolitti that large bodies of troops have arrived and are now occupying all parts of the town. The appalling extent of the disaster renders anything like a systematic search of the ruins impossible, but persons are being dragged all day long and are quickly transported to the relief ships as soon as their wounds have received attention.

There were slight shocks felt in the earthquake zone today, completing the ruin of the crumbling buildings. These shocks are contributing to the keeping up of alarm of the population, one quite severe shock was felt at 3 o'clock in the morning and another at 9. Fires are still burning, although much rain has fallen.

The latest investigations on both sides of the straits make it certain that many more than half the population of the coast towns and villages have been killed, Prof. Ricco, director of the observatory at Mount Aetna, estimates that the victims of the earthquake exceed 200,000.

Hundreds of dangerous criminals have been arrested by the troops and are under close guard.

Great relief was felt when the announcement was made that the Lipari Islands, which were reported to have disappeared with their population of 28,000, suffered little or no damage from the earthquake.

Public opinion seriously concerned with regard to the safety of the King and Queen and the possible danger from tottering walls. The King frequently has tried to persuade the Queen to return to Rome, but she always refuses, declaring that it would break her heart to abondon her husband in his labors for the country in its anguish.

New Year's day in Italy is usually the occasion of festivities and rejoicing for as widespread as on Christmas. Imposing ceremonies are celebrated in the churches, where the people crowd to give thanks for past mercies and to implore still further mercies for the new year.

Instead of rejoicing Rome is filled with lamentations pictured on the countenances of all is grief for the destruction of two beautiful regions of the mother country where thousands now lie dead. The flags wave at half mast and the bells of a thousand churches ring, not for the tedium, but toll sad knells for requiem masses.

Reports from all parts of Italy indicate a generous spirit in aiding the stricken. The king has placed the royal palaces at Naples and Caserta at the disposition of the injured.

Reports are published that it is the King's intention to sell his property in Sicily and devote the proceeds to the assistance of the sufferers. It is also stated that the Pope will suppress the dioceses of Messina and Reggio, adding them to Catania and Catanzara respectively. A dispatch from Catania says that it is proposed to build a new suburb to that city and christen it Messina, quartering therein all the survivors of the fallen city.

FOR EARTHQUAKE SUFFERERS

Special Church Offerings and Prayers For the Afflicted.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 1.—The Italian colony of Charleston is contributing a fund for the relief of the earthquake sufferers, the colony working in conjunction with the Red Cross Society in South Carolina.

Bishop Guerry of the Episcopal diocese of South Carolina appointed the second Sunday of January for a special offering in the churches of the State in behalf of the sufferers and has prescribed a special prayer for the afflicted to be said for one month in the churches.

A BUILDING COLLAPSES.

Several Persons Caught in the Wreck. One is Killed.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Aberdeen, Miss., Jan. 1.—The Centerport cotton seed house of the People's Oil Mills here collapsed today. Sixteen negroes who were at work at the time, together with the general manager of the company, T. M. Foster, were caught in the debris. A number of negroes came to the rescue of the men caught by the building. One negro was slightly hurt.

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TILLMAN WARNS PEOPLE

Against Compulsory Education—Talks of Taft's Scheme in the South.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Columbia, S. C., January 1.—Senator Tillman in delivering an address before the State Teachers' Association here tonight took occasion to warn the people against the agitation for compulsory education, asserting that should such a law be passed it would mean the education of the negro, which would in the end mean a blow to white supremacy.

Senator Tillman urged the Democrats of the South against the scheme which he said President-elect Taft and his associates were hatching up to break the Solid South. He said it was the purpose of the President-elect to hand out Federal offices to the Democrats of the South in order to build up a white Republican party in this section.

BEACH HARGIS TO BE RELEASED.

Bail of $25,,000 is Required—Jury Disagreed at First Trial.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Irvine, Ky., Jan. 1.—Beach Hargis, charged with the murder of his father, former Judge James Hargis, was ordered released on $25,000 bail today by Judge J. P. Adams, the jury at the first trial of the defendant having disagreed.

Mrs. Louellen Hargis, widow of Judge Hargis, and mother of his slayer, and her two brothers, Floyd and John Day, of Jackson, will sign the bond on Monday. A number of wealthy citizens of Estill county also will sign it. Young Hargis will be released that day.

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The Board of Directors of Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has declared a dividend of two and one-half per cent. on the Common Capital Stock of that Company, payable at the office of the Treasurer, at Wilmington, North Carolina, on and after January 11th, 1909, to stockholders of record on the 18th day of December, 1908. The transfer books are closed from the 18th day of December, 1908, at three o'clock P. M., to the 12th day of January, 1909, at ten o'clock A. M., both dates inclusive.

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